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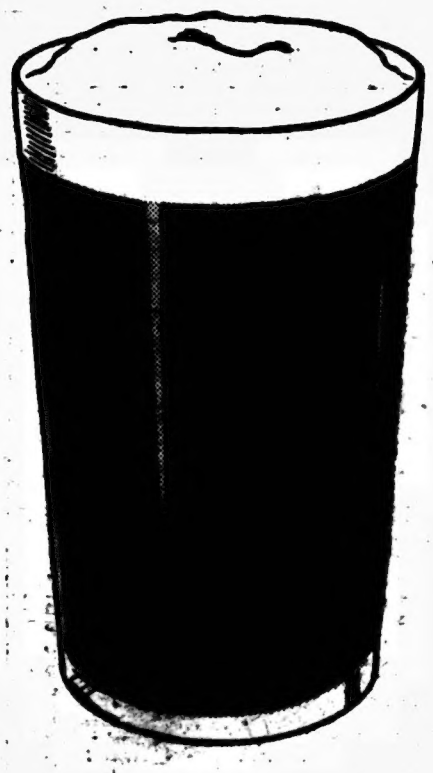

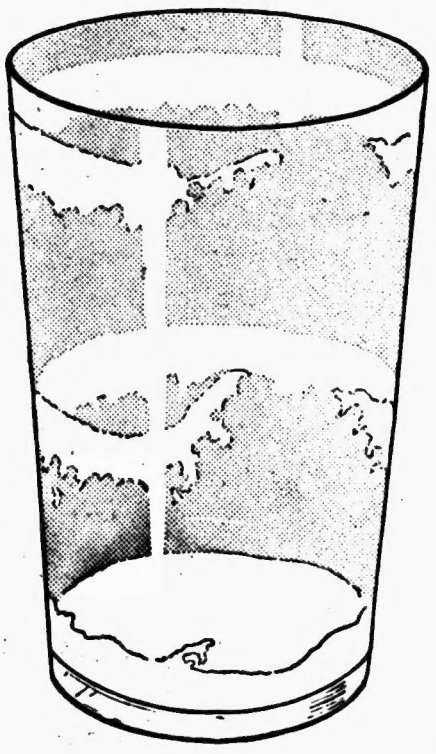

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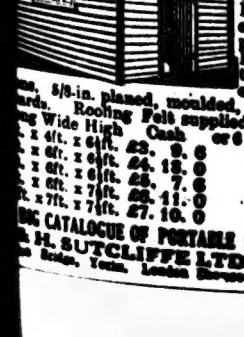

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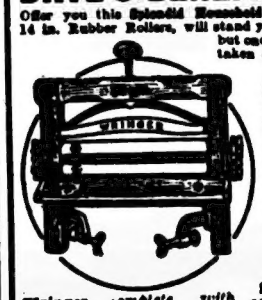

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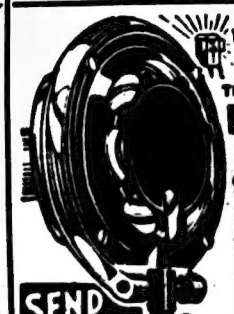

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(1) Read the Rules carefully.

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(3) Number these features from 1 to 14 in what you consider will be their order of popularity as a result of the general voting, using the space provided on the right of the form.

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Peer a Prisoner in the Cabinet

HERE is one member of the Government who wants to lose his job—and can't!

He is Lord Passfield, once Mr. Sidney Webb, who is tly, but definitely, anxious to give the burdens and cares of office.

ut he-who-was-Sidney must stick his post. He is the only Secretary State representing the Government the House of Lords, and the Conution demands that there must be least one in the august Upper mber.

ending a reshuffling of the Cabinet ch the creation of a new peer for job would entail, Lord Passfield will y on.

way out

ne way out of the difficulty, seriy canvassed in higher Labour les, is that Mr. MacDonald himself uld take a peerage, with the Secreship of State for Foreign Affairs, Arthur Henderson taking his place Premier.

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uch a move is not so unlikely as appear to the uninitiated. Mr. Donald's heart has always been in ign affairs, and next year the most nentous of all disarmament confers takes place at Geneva.

he responsibility of representing ain there will be heavy, and would n no sacrifice of prestige to Mr. Donald if he resigned his position Premier.

a for two

lany are still speculating about the ting of Mr. MacDonald and Mr. d George at No. 10 on the eve of second reading of the Trade Dis- s Bill.

was probably the fact that the ting-place was Downing Street that used such curiosity, for actually parleys between the Prime Minisand the Liberal leader are an ost weekly occurrence.

he meetings usually take place in MacDonald's room at the House. hey indicate nothing exciting. metimes we wish they did!

rty-eight hours

here is very little chance of the Bill ratifying the Washington Hours abour Convention being taken this of the Budget.

he Government has squared most of outstanding objections from cer- trade unions which feared they ht be worse off under the Bill's l forty-eight-hour week; but the gested state of Parliamentary busi- makes it impossible to get the sure debated.

passed it would bring the legal y-eight-hour week within reach of e than half a million British kers who at present work much er.

hneider sniping

is ridiculous and unfair that the me Minister should ever have been le the target for any criticism in nection with the Schneider Trophy entry. The real culprit was the Royal Aero Club.

The men and machines to win the race were on offer to the club from the Government for over a year, and not the slightest move was made to accept until the club's hand was forced.

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It is idle for the club to plead that it was waiting for the Federation Aeronautique Internationale to settle the terms of the entry. This organisation could do nothing to upset the rules already in existence.

And there was never any necessity for the Government to provide public money for the race. The club could have raised the amount wanted any time it pleased, had it asked.

The way of the Wizard

The Liberal resolution on unemployment will be before the House next week—a disguised challenge to the Government.

Liberals incline to the view that it will be accepted—without the suggested wage-reductions—but they are determined that such acceptance must embrace their proposed loan of £250,000,000, the big splinter in Lloyd George's famous plank.

The loan, they say, is vital. If it is rejected, the Liberals will wage a campaign in the country.

Mr. Lloyd George aims so to force the issue that, unless Labour accepts, or brings forward an alternative scheme, an atmosphere of indifference on its part will be created.

The opera subsidy

Mr. Snowden will attempt to show in due course that his plan for subsidising grand opera is a sound, money-making scheme.

On the first million wireless licences the Exchequer receives 10 per cent. in addition to the 12½ per cent. collection expenses.

On the second million it takes 20 per cent., on the third million 30 per cent., and on all in excess of three millions 40 per cent.

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There are now over three million listeners, and the Chancellor calculates that when wireless is made more attractive by grand opera the number will increase still further, with him taking 52½ per cent. of each additional licence-fee paid for the Exchequer.

Also he expects to draw entertainment-tax when opera can be heard at popular theatre prices.

India—next steps

Mr. MacDonald will shortly confer with Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George on the next steps towards framing a new Constitution for India.

Mr. Baldwin's bold declaration in favour of a complete Party truce has made the whole situation much easier.

The Government wish at all costs to maintain personal contact between moderate Indian politicians and the statesmen of this country. Otherwise the initiative may again pass to the extremists in India.

The probability is that representatives of three political Parties will go out to India at an early date to carry on the discussions begun at St. James' Palace.

An attempt will be made first to settle the minorities question, and details of the proposed new Federal Constitution will be hammered out later.

He "wants to lose his job—and can't"

See to it, Sam!

Following many protests in our columns, an official assurance has now been given by the American Immigration Department that one of the worst of its bastilles—at Seattle—will be replaced by a new building.

That's something. But the conditions obtaining at Los Angeles and Ellis Island, which we exposed several weeks ago, still require humanising.

The gagsters

Recent sensational crimes have galvanised into life the sinister movement to prevent the Press reporting the true facts on the plea that the advertising of one crime inspires another.

We exposed this conspiracy to saddle the country with secret crime, as well as secret divorce, a year ago. It must again be nipped in the bud.

Among the suppressers are an eminent editor, certain members of the Government, crank politicians, a few police chiefs and a Tory review, which openly asserts that the "popular Press" must be gagged so far as crime is concerned, as it was gagged in the divorce courts.

Result: widespread collusion, corruption, and perjury.

The truth, please

We hope that the Foreign Secretary will not hesitate to publish the despatch which is being prepared by our Chargé d'Affaires at Monrovia on recent happenings in Liberia.

There are disturbing rumours that since the League commission's damning report on slavery in the negro republic cruel reprisals are being taken against natives who gave evidence.

Whole villages, it is asserted, have been pillaged by soldiers of the Liberian Frontier Force.

If these stories are true, the British Government should immediately publish the facts to the world.

Regal rot

These "dreadful" rumours of a forthcoming Royalist coup in France all emanate from the Duchesse de Guise's delightful salon in Belgium.

All sorts and conditions of distinguished people admire the French Pretender and his amiable consort for their social qualities.

But when it comes to the latter talking of having "sixty thousand shock troops" in the armies of France, all ready and anxious to seize the non-existent Throne for her husband, she is talking through one of her pretty hats.

He will be crowned only with disappointment.

"Secret Crime" Plot: Pilsudski on the War-Path

Bellicose Pilsudski

Polish-German antagonism is becoming the biggest menace to world peace.

The German "victory" in the minorities question in Geneva has created fierce resentment.

A would-be war-god —Pilsudski

For a thousand years the Poles have been the fiercest fighters in East Europe. Since the war they have romped half-way to Moscow, swallowed the Vilna Province, and warred on Lithuania.

They are spoiling to get at their old enemy, the Prussian, under bellicose Marshal Pilsudski.

A single shot fired in anger in Upper Silesia would cause a line of flashing bayonets to leap up, as if by magic across the breadth of Europe.

Night eyes

Night flying will be made considerably safer by a new safety device which is to be installed on British aerodromes

It is called the Marconi-Adcock direction-finder and enables aircraft to obtain bearings in the dark with almost uncanny accuracy. And it's a British invention.

The position of *R*101, as given by Bourget just before the disaster near Beauvais, is estimated to have been erroneous by more than ten miles.

With the new apparatus errors of this magnitude will be impossible.

The Price of Coal

Nearly thirty men—somebody's husbands, somebody's brothers, somebody's sons—died two miles under the sea near Whitehaven last week.

That is the price of coal!

The disaster in the depths of the Haig Pit should bring home just once more to the people of this country the risks run by these splendid fellows who provide the home fires.

Something like seven lives are lost every two days in British pits.

Remember, then, when miners ask for justice, for the right to live in decency, the price of coal.

"If You See It—" —continued

Exhibit!

This year will go down in history as "exhibition year." Here are some coming events:

World-cruising exhibition ship *Leicestershire*.

Buenos Aires exhibition.

British Industries Fair at London and Birmingham, which includes the textile exhibition at White City, the art.-silk at Olympia, and the International at Northseahall, Kiel—to which British manufacturers have been invited.

Shipping and engineering exhibition at Olympia during September.

A world-trade drive, with British industrial films bearing captions in foreign languages, should bring success to enterprising manufacturers.

Plucked pioneers

Many thousands of fine young Britons who went East since the war to tea and rubber plantations and to tin-mines are now back in this country in distressing straits.

They have been victims of the world-fall in commodity prices, and, after enduring long privation abroad, find themselves stranded helplessly in the home labour market.

Worse still, many of them have been easy prey for the bucket-shop men who advertise opportunities of employment-with-investment and who have robbed them of the last few pounds with which they returned to Britain.

Wandering destruction

Nine unexploded mines were trawled up or washed ashore in the British Isles during 1930. That brings the total in the past few years up to seventy-four.

Annually since the war the Admiralty has issued warnings to mariners regarding this menace.

But it is surprising that such dangerous conditions are allowed to continue when the location of most of these mines is known to the authorities and equipment exists for their removal.

Waitress, etc.

Miss Bondfield might do worse this summer than investigate conditions for girls employed in seaside boarding-houses.

She would find real dangers, and working hours from six in the morning until nearly midnight.

Girls are engaged as waitresses, but rapidly become, in addition, chambermaids, parlourmaids, nursemaids, kitchenmaids, washerwomen and charwomen.

On Bank Holidays and the busy periods one house will have as many as forty people at tea-time—and still the one waitress.

Justice for a teacher

What is the Education Committee of Salford going to do to compensate Miss Pearson, a Sheffield teacher, whom they had appointed as woman assistant-inspector of schools at a commencing salary of £450?

The committee made the appointment so definite that Miss Pearson handed in her notice to the Sheffield education authority and is now serving her notice.

Then the Salford Council decided to rescind the appointment. So Miss Pearson has no job under the Salford authorities and no job in Sheffield.

Unfortunately, Miss Pearson has no documentary evidence, and therefore no legal redress.

The Salford Council says it has taken the step on the ground of public economy.

On the ground of ordinary decency it must do something for Miss Pearson and lose no time about it.

Debts and devilment

Yes, you can still go to jail in Merrie England for the "crime" of being poor.

Mr. Lovat Fraser, M.P., knows what happens

Over 12,000 persons were committed for non-payment of debts during 1929, over 2,000 for non-payment of rates, and eighty-four for income-tax. County-court judgments cost 3,000 their liberty.

Many of them, of course, were "bill-bilkers," and richly deserved their punishment.

But we know, and agree with Mr. Lovat Fraser, M.P., that many were in such reduced circumstances that their dependants were compelled to apply for poor relief.

Even at this moment unemployed miners are being sued for the repayment of out-relief granted in 1926, despite the fact that they are down and out.

Caught!

Norman Macdonald, the crook of Carnera-like proportions, whom we exposed in our issue of January 10, under the heading, "Giant Forger's Cheque Dump," has been brought to book.

He was recognised in the crowds at Victoria Station, London, a week or two ago, and has now been sentenced at Dartford for obtaining money by false pretences. He will be in jail for nine months.

An earthquake wanted

When the Winchester Area Guardians' Committee recently considered complaints regarding the Droxford Institution, one member was moved to remark that he would like to see an earthquake there.

As four old women have been sleeping and living in one room at this institution, and another inmate, who is blind, has to reach her bedroom by an outside stone staircase, and as the conditions for the old men are "deplorable," a tidal wave and a hurricane or two would be equally welcome.

And deserved it

Mr. Lansbury is resisting all attempts to obtain the removal of the speed-limit for private cars in the public parks.

The parks are intended for the recreation of ordinary citizens and their children—not as speedways for motorists.

Many motorists turn into the parks for the sole purpose of getting along more quickly, and in the past twelve months there were 529 convictions for exceeding the speed-limit.

We were caught ourselves the other day doing twenty-five miles an hour in the Mall, and we admit it served us right!

Ten miles an hour should be the limit in some of the parks.

They call it sport

Those sportsmen who support stag-hunting by saying that the animal has "a sporting chance" would find it difficult to substantiate their contention.

Again and again we read of cases where the hunted creature is driven into the sea and then pursued in boats to be despatched without the ghost of a sporting chance.

The other day, though, a stag did escape from the hunters into the Pevensey marshes. But even then sanctuary was not attained.

The wicked creature was accused of worrying sheep, followed by other "sportsmen," and shot.

So helpful

John Richmond, of Staunton-on-Wye, Hereford, who is ninety years of age, is to be ejected from his home, which is considered unfit for occupation.

His position was reviewed recently before the Weobley magistrates, and though the local Medical Officer of Health admitted that the house, with the exception of the kitchen, was fairly safe, the magistrates made an order for Richmond to be ejected within three weeks.

They had no suggestions to offer regarding alternative accommodation.

2,000 years after

Some remarkable results in the treatment of asthma, from which there are thousands of sufferers in this country, have been obtained through the use of ephedrine, one of the newest drugs to be employed widely by medical men.

It is not a patent medicine. It is extracted from a Chinese plant, and has been used for the treatment of asthma in the Orient for nearly two thousand years.

We appear to hear of everything in time!

Again good news

It augurs well for the success of Britain's great trade-drive in South America that we are beginning to re-establish our old supremacy in Spain.

We have already displaced France as the second largest exporter to the Spanish market, and we are now overhauling the United States in the lead.

We have recently reduced the American total over us from £8,000,000 to £3,000,000.

It is a considerable achievement, since the United States have spared no effort to keep their lead in Spain, which, as the mother-country of the South American republics, is the natural gateway to their extensive markets.

To check fraud

If the private Bill introduced by Sir John Withers to deal with defaulting solicitors can be amalgamated with Dennis Herbert's Bill, it should be possible to get agreement on a measure which will pass without difficulty.

Sir John fathered the Bill

Too often clients are regarded as objects of charity rather than having rights against the profession. Wherefore charity and justice?

Neither the Parliamentary measure now under consideration proposes to indemnify clients for the full amount of their losses, as in New Zealand.

Reparation is at the discretion of the Law Society and the Master of the Rolls.

The House, in Committee, should remedy this.

Where there's a will!

With a wife and four young children to support, Mr. James Third, of Aberdeen, who was disabled in the war, fell out of work.

He had no pension and was ineligible for the "dole," and things were at their blackest when fresh troubles beset him—his wife went down with pneumonia.

She needed nourishing foods which no money was available. But Third did not give way to despair. He made some paper hats and windmills and sold them in the street, earning £1 in the first week.

A splendid fellow.

Runabout show

A wonderful example of getting business by energetic methods is found in a firm of electrical engineers.

A mobile exhibition on wheels, carrying 4½ tons of modern electrical devices, has started off on a trade-drive through Northern Ireland, with the result that factory-workers will be fully employed for months to come and new business secured.

Such a method has been employed in France for some years. We believe—in time.

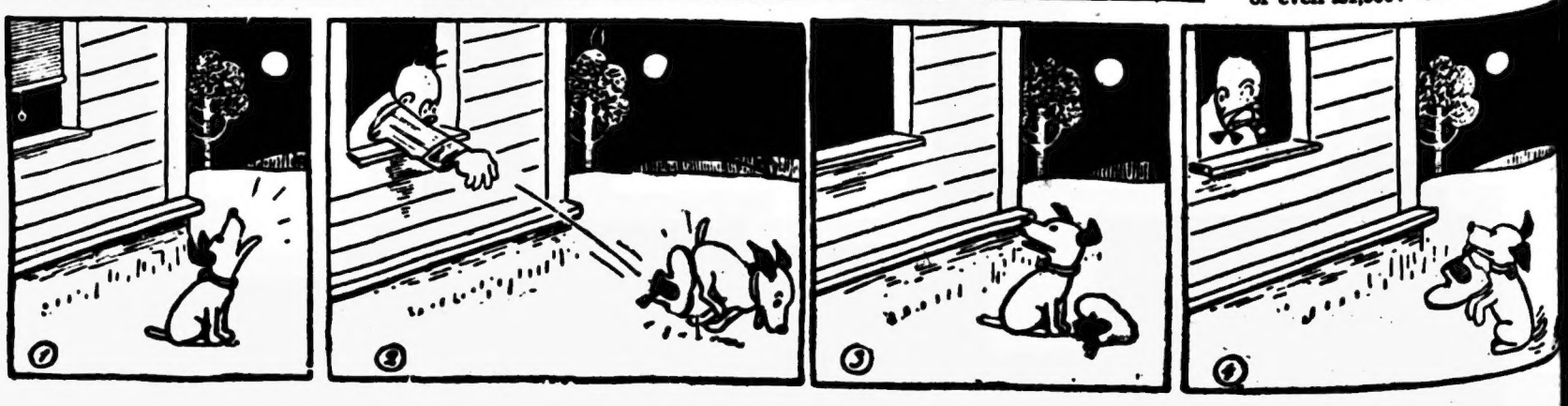
Dreams may come true

With £1 you could pay the weekly rent and probably buy some little luxuries for your family as well. With £100 you could enjoy a security, pleasant outings, help with your children's education, improve your home and still have plenty left in the bank.

With £1,000 you could do all the things you dream about and more. You could buy a car, start a little business of your own, and invest the rest of the money to assure a steady income.

In this week's record "Bullets" on page 39 you can win £1, £100 or even £1,000! Are you going to

ADAMSON— —"Well, I'm—dogged!"



A strip of legal history: In between the blazing car and the trial court (left to right) Rouse, the Attorney-General, the Public Prosecutor, Mr. Justice Talbot, Ivy Jenkins and Nellie Tucker

ROUSE —My Protest

by Sir Wyndham Childs

Major-General Sir Wyndham Childs, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.M.G., filled several important posts during the Great War. He was Assistant-Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police from 1921 to 1928, and joined the staff of JOHN BULL as its Chief Commissioner in January, 1929.

THE trial of Alfred Rouse, one of the most sensational in the annals of the law, is over. Of the jury's verdict I have no criticism to make.

They were guided by a most mirable judge, Mr. Justice Talt, who in his summing up was reful to admonish them to conder their verdict solely on the idence brought before them at the sizes.

But to those who followed the oceedings in the police-court and the Northampton Assizes certain squieting features presented emselves.

Before the magistrate a *prima cie* case was made out that a urder had been committed and at there was a motive for that urder.

The motive was supplied by calling rtain women to give evidence as their relations with Rouse, and e magistrate was in effect *asked to fer from that evidence that Rouse had ery reason to desire to "die."*

The simple facts of the case were that e dead body of a man who has never en identified was found in a car which d caught fire.

Nobody has been able definitely to firm whether the cause of the fire was cidental or intentional. Rouse, the owner of e car, fled under circumstances which are blic knowledge and I will not dwell upon em.

In calling the female witnesses to suggest motive for the murder, it resulted that their idence demonstrated Rouse to be a man of moral character—his character was brought to issue and blackened in the eyes of the agistrate and of the public.

This was inevitable, but I must confess at I was amazed that evidence of this scription could ever be adduced by counsel r the Crown.

Schooled detectives

UCH action seemed to me to be diametrically opposed to precedent and to the instructions which all police officers receive in regard to the rules of evidence and e admission thereof.

It will be recollected that the recent yal Commission on Police Procedure udied at considerable length the "Judges' ules," and made recommendations as to eir further clarification.

It is a fundamental principle of English w and justice that a man's character shall t be disclosed to the judicial authority try- the case until after his conviction.

Yet in this case we find that it is the own who led evidence before conviction inded to show that Rouse was a man of bad aracter.

The action of the Crown in calling that idence has had a sequel, unfortunate in any ways, but fortunate in demonstrating at we can still depend on our judges for stice.

The judge at the Northampton Assizes fused to allow the evidence as to character ven in the police-court by the women conrned to be repeated before the jury.

But does not this disclose a lamentable tuation? It demonstrates that there is a diversity of opinion on a fundamental point of law between the Director of Public Prosecutions, who is, by law, the "handmaiden" of the Attorney-General, and the Bench of Judges.

The decision of Mr. Justice Talbot, right as the vast majority of people will believe it, has made confusion worse confounded.

The detective officers of our police forces have been educated in the "Judges' Rules," and are required to carry them out in the strictest sense.

I venture to think that there is not an officer in the C.I.D. who would have dreamt of suggesting that evidence could be given designed to prove an accused person to be a bad character in order to supply a motive for an alleged murder which otherwise was obscure.

In a situation such as this there is one inevitable result. Not a member of the jury at the Assizes can have failed to have read or heard discussed the accounts which appeared in the Press of the proceedings before the magistrate.

The case had aroused intense popular interest, and it is safe to assume that the jury at the Assizes were fully aware through the newspapers of the nature of the evidence given by the women before the magistrate.

Indelible impression

IT was left to the judge to try to put back the clock and to get out of the minds of these men the impressions which they must have formed.

It is easy for members of the legal profession to eliminate impressions they may have formed and to come to a decision upon the facts put before them, but I do not believe that it is humanly possible for the average layman to obliterate from his mind such impressions.

Can it be seriously suggested that the jury might not be influenced by the facts which were laid before the magistrate—influenced towards returning a verdict of "Not guilty" because they regarded the magisterial proceedings as an injustice, or towards a verdict of "Guilty" because they had knowledge of Rouse's character?

I suggest that they might subconsciously have been influenced one way or the other.

Is it not lamentable and deplorable that evidence of this character should have been led by the Crown in the police-court?

And what happened at the Assizes? The Crown, made it clear that no responsibility fell upon it to supply a motive. That is true, but why was the evidence of the girls put forward before the magistrate?

Another feature which appeals to me as being irrelevant was the evidence in regard to the insurance of the car. It showed that a passenger was insured up to a liability of £1,000.

How did this evidence support in any way the suggestion that Rouse murdered his passenger hoping that the dead body would be presumed to be his, and thereby enabling him to disappear and carry on his future life under an assumed identity.

If Rouse were the dead man in the car, there was no passenger, and therefore no liability!

Surely it is stretching motive to its breaking-point to suggest that a man is going to commit murder in order to escape from his past entanglements, and continue the life of his choice.

A vital principle

THOUSANDS upon thousands of people "disappear" in this country every year, and are never traced. Rouse could have disappeared with equal ease.

It is a cynical circumstance that the victim himself has never been identified—in other words, he successfully disappeared, apparently for ever.

I am apt to look at all these things through the spectacles of a police officer, which I have never been able to discard, and I think with regret of the effect this case will have upon the detective officers of our police forces.

Confusion worse confounded is the only epithet I can apply to this unfortunate episode.

If such diversity of opinion exists between a judge and the Attorney-General, what can be the feelings among police officers, who look to the Director of Public Prosecutions for guidance and instruction?

How will they act when faced with a problem of similar character?

I admit at once that the question of the admissibility of evidence must remain a matter of opinion, and that it rests entirely with the judicial authority trying the case to reject or admit such evidence; but that such a chasm can lie between the Attorney-General and the judge seems to me deplorable.

It is not a difference of opinion on a minor point, but upon a great point of principle—that is to say, evidence as to character has been tendered before conviction in the sacred name of motive.

Can Knights be Bold?

Messrs. the Rt. Hon. J. RAMSAY MacDONALD, STANLEY BALDWIN, DAVID LLOYD GEORGE,
House of Commons, London, S.W.

GENTLEMEN,—The shouting and the tumult dies. There will be no General Election yet, after all. Fanatics and featherbrains will fold their flapdoodle and silently steal away.

So now to business. I again appeal to the three of you to get together, pool your weapons, sink prejudice, forget paltry Party issues, in a sincere and searching effort to mitigate the unemployment evil. You are doing it in India and our home problem is too colossal for any one of you to cope with; even with the three of you putting your shoulders jointly to the wheel, it will be no sinecure.

But, believe me, failure on your part to launch a united crusade against the greatest evil of modern times will mean that all of you will be sent, not to the country, but the desert.

I do not expect wonders. There is no lightning remedy. But the duty—as well as the destiny—of you three chosen leaders lies in another sort of Round-Table Conference. Are you big enough for the job?

JOHN BULL.

A Flood of Fake Lotteries—Cold Justice in Iceland

Sir EVELYN MURRAY, K.C.B.,
Secretary, G.P.O.

DEAR SIR,—I believe that the campaign against the Irish Hospitals Grand National sweepstake is being conducted with such intensity that a special clerical staff has been organised at the Post Office to intercept subscribers' letters to Ireland.

Your department is, of course, only doing its job.

But while concentrating on the Irish sweep, it has apparently lost sight of the so-called Danish lotteries.

Money is pouring from Britain into the pockets of the canvassing and swindling touts for these lotteries, who for weeks past have been deluging Britain with fraudulent literature.

Especially should you open and return the money contained in all letters to Charles Frederiksen, of 10, Adilovej, Copenhagen.

JOHN BULL.

Signor BENITO MUSSOLINI,
Palazzo Chigi, Rome

DEAR DUCE,—Just a few lines about that flight of Jugo-Slav military seaplanes which bolted from their native land the other day and flew towards Italy.

I have definite information that these machines are in your country. The pilots have deserted and handed over to you, presumably, the property of another nation.

Don't you think it would be wise to send these machines, with their pilots, back to Jugo-Slavia?

Apart from the fact that this gesture would stop any further desertions to Italy from the same place, it would also serve to clear the political atmosphere now darkening your corner of Europe with the threat of war.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. C. ADDISON, M.P.,
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

DEAR MINISTER,—Iceland is a cold and dull subject, but I feel compelled to suggest that you use your influence with the Government to secure the appointment of a British-born Consul there.

There is no shadow of doubt that British trawlers off the coast of Iceland are not being given a straight deal. Undue interference and unwarranted seizures are frequent.

I agree with Lieut.-Col. Hudson, president of the Hull Fishing Vessels Owners' Association, that no one complains if a boat is seized for deliberate poaching, but many people have been fined in the face of grave doubts.

If we can't send a strong Consul from home, a few strong words straight from the shoulder might suffice.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT from the Shoulder

MR. E. C. GRENFELL, M.P.: "The work-dodger and the tax-dodger are spoiling the character of the nation."

And have been doing so these last thousand years.

MR. F. E. SPRACKLING: "People have more money nowadays. In the old days all the money was expended by Saturday night."

Tell that to the pawnshop-keeper.

SIR HARRY GOSCHEN: "We must have no patience with those who, like people who enjoy bad health, luxuriate in depression."

A bull's-eye! The hypochondyiacs of industry should be stifled.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. H. CECIL POWELL,
Torquay, Devon

DEAR SIR,—I don't know whether you are a rich man or a poor one. Neither do I care. What does appeal to me about you is the fact that you have just done a downright decent thing.

It was your duty to give the police the first information enabling them to interview Mrs. Annie Hearn, now charged with the Cornwall murder.

It was merely incidental that you received from a newspaper a reward of £500 for that service.

But it was an honest-to-goodness sentiment that induced you to hand over this money to Mrs. Hearn's solicitor, to be used for her defence.

JOHN BULL.

Sir SAMUEL WILSON, G.C.M.G.,
Under-Secretary for the Colonies

DEAR SIR SAMUEL,—In your evidence before the Royal Commission on the Civil Service you said that if you were governor of a colony you would not allow a woman to go into the bush.

How do you suppose the colonies were built up? Splendid women worked and sometimes fought beside their men in the lonely places.

That is the stuff of which pioneers are made, and there is still plenty of it left in Britain.

If women were encouraged to go into the bush, the veld, and the prairie, there would be fewer idle men in the overcrowded towns of Britain and the Dominions.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. HARRY CONDIE,
Evangelist, Dowlais, Glam.

DEAR MR. CONDIE.—You are certainly a preacher with a punch. Forty years ago you were a professional boxer. Then you became a pavement-artist, and later a physical-culture expert, in which capacity you taught Jim Driscoll how to use 'em!

You may be an evangelist, but you are no spoil-sport. I am glad that the Welsh A.B.A. has honoured you publicly for your help in keeping boxing clean in Wales. More power—and punch—to you.

JOHN BULL.

Sir OSCAR WARBURG,
Headley, Epsom.

DEAR SIR OSCAR,—Thanks to you, within a few weeks of my exposing scandalous incidents at Hackney Hospital, there is every prospect of vigorous action being taken.

In company with London County Council colleagues and others, you made exhaustive enquiries and confirmed, without difficulty, my allegations.

I can only hope now that you and the L.C.C. will agree with Mrs. Evelyn Emmett, M.A., one of the L.C.C. members for North Hackney, that the obvious thing to do now is to "turn the delinquents out."

JOHN BULL.

Mrs. ISRAEL ZANGWILL,
Rotherwick Road, London, N.W.

DEAR MADAM,—As chairman of the Disarmament Campaign Committee of the Women's International League, you are doing a noble and fruitful work.

Your declaration against war has been put before the women of twenty countries, including France, Germany and the United States.

Over 200,000 have already signed in Britain alone, where signatures are flowing in at the rate of 2,000 a day.

Forty-five British societies are co-operating; the women of the principal Nonconformist Churches are seeking the support of 8,000 ministers.

Two thousand Church of England clergymen are expected to support the movement, and such famous public men as Mr. Arthur Henderson and Professor Gilbert Murray are adding their weight.

You have my best wishes for a record poll against Mars.

JOHN BULL.

Not from the B.B.C.—

Mr. Winston Churchill says:

"Only a Broken Toy"

I AM feeling exceedingly restless,
I am looking exceedingly glum;
And though nothing I say
Serves to lighten my way,
I can't, though I try, remain dumb.

I've supported all creeds and each Party,
And on ev'ry available fence
At some time I have sat
Till I saw how the cat
Was to jump—and have followed it thence!

In the Navy, the (Sidney Street) Army,
In Art and in Letters I've shone;
Both as Tory and Lib.,
With an eloquence glib,
I have always kept on keeping on!

But now all the world seems agin me;
Ambition continues to tug
At my heart, but when I
Blaze forth wrath to the sky
My remarks are received with a shrug!

This isn't what I am accustomed to or prepared to tolerate, for we Churchills have always been rulers.

To be sure, my father, Lord Randolph, discovered with pained surprise that the country could get along without him; but I do not intend to let it discover it can get along without me.

By the simple process of being in turn Conservative, Liberal, Coalitionist, "Constitutionalist," and, again, Conservative, I have always managed to have a finger in the pie of office.

But since the old two-Party game of musical chairs was upset by these

wretched Socialists I have been like a lost sheep, for all the flocks I have graced are in the wilderness.

Naturally, I have tried hard to regain a place in the limelight. But, unfortunately, my antics during the India debate seem to have pleased nobody. Even my own (more or less) respected leader regretted that I had not allowed myself a day of silence.

Silence, indeed! Have I ever remained silent when there was mischief to be made? Words—my own words—have for me such an irresistible fascination that when there were no newspapers to report them I ran the *British Gazette* so that *I* could report them.

Similarly, if no existing Party proves sympathetic to my new Die Hardihood, I will if need be form a Churchill Party.

A Churchill out of office
Is a child without a toy,
A May without a Bryant,
A girl without a boy.

The Lib'rals will not have me:
No more the Tories cheer;
A Beaverbrook Freetectionist
I can't become, I fear!

Though someone, somewhere, somehow
My services must need,
I cannot to the Socialists
For office go and plead.

And so a brand-new banner
I'll bravely raise on high;
My colours once again I'll change,
Once more I'll do—and dye!

This Sunday SINema

by A. G. GARDINER

"Spend their time at home, hopelessly bored"

THE battle over the London Sunday — and incidentally over the British Sunday generally—has ended for the moment in a victory for the law and a defeat for the public.

I see no escape from the conclusion that the kinemas must be closed on Sundays—for a time.

The law may be absurd, but respect for the law, even though it is absurd, is and must be a tradition of governing bodies.

But the fact that the battle has gone against the public and in favour of the "common informer" for a time, only increases the urgent need of other action.

The battle is not over: it is only transferred to another theatre. It leaves the courts and becomes an issue for Parliament.

The action of the London County Council has disclosed the intolerable state of the law. It is for Parliament now to bring the law, speedily and unequivocally, into conformity with public desire.

Repeal must come

There is no need to dwell much on the case for repeal. Whatever our private opinions on the question of Sunday observance may be, it is impossible to deny to the public, in the name of an obsolete law, the right to an enjoyment which, by such an overwhelming consensus of opinion, it desires to have.

The L.C.C., which is by no means a revolutionary or secularist body, has recognised this by conceding the liberty in defiance of a law which is obsolete and which it believed it had the right to set aside.

It has conceded it, not merely because the public wanted it, but because there could be no valid objection to it.

The kinema is one of the most popular and innocent forms of public recreation, and as a relief to the traditional monotony of the London Sunday no more unobjectionable expedient could be devised.

If it is said that it is the thin end of the wedge of the Continental Sunday, I am bound to say that a certain infusion of the Continental Sunday into the British Sunday is not only inevitable, but desirable.

Loafers let loose

It is not true that the Sunday opening of kinemas keeps people away from the churches. The church-going public is unaffected by it.

The people who go to kinemas are the people who, if they did not go there, would go to public-houses or spend their time idling at home, hopelessly bored, or cheerlessly loafing about the streets.

This may be regrettable, but you can no longer send people by Act of Parliament where they do not want to go, nor can you refuse them the enjoyment of legitimate pleasures on the only completely free day in the week that many of them have for the exercise of that enjoyment.

The chief objection to Sunday amusements is that of the Sunday labour involved, but the advantage of the kinema is that it is a mechanical device calling for the minimum of labour.

And that minimum is supplied without recourse to the seven-day week, which is the real objection to Sunday labour.

Apart from all this, it is to be borne in mind that the condition on which the L.C.C. has sanctioned the opening of kinemas on Sunday is that the element of private profit should be largely excluded, and that the financial results should be applied to the benefit of charities.

This has meant a benefaction to the humane institutions of London of something like £200,000 a year, which is a very handsome set-off to any case that can be put up against the practice.

The loss of that income would be a grave matter for the institutions concerned. And the loss of employment which would be involved is also a matter that cannot be disregarded.

But, as I have said, it is not the argument for Sunday kinemas that needs to be stressed.

Public opinion has decided the issue, and the authoritative governing body of London has ratified the decision. The question that concerns us is how the mischief that has been done can be undone.

Two remedies seem called for.

The first is to deal with the immediate emergency, so that the opening of the kinemas can be resumed with the least possible delay.

Formal Parliamentary action, however expedited, must take time—much more time than should be allowed to elapse before Sunday performances are sanctioned.

It should not be outside the power of the Home Office to authorise the remission of penalties under the statute of 1781, a course which would justify the L.C.C. in continuing its policy of sanctioning the Sunday opening of kinemas till that opening is legitimised by Parliament.

Make a job of it

Such a course would practically checkmate the common informer, who would cease to take action that resulted in nothing but bloodless victories.

But no temporary expedient of this sort, however desirable, is enough. There should be immediate steps taken in Parliament to remove from the Statute Book the obsolete measure which has caused the trouble.

It is one of three such statutes, dating from the reign of Charles I., and providing for Sunday observance in terms which have long been entirely out of keeping with modern ideas of personal liberty.

They are the sleeping dogs of the Statute Book which have been left to sleep because it was assumed that they would never wake up, and that it was not worth the trouble involved to extinguish them legally.

They were so very obsolete that the L.C.C. supposed that they could be ignored, and that all it had to do was to give a dispensing power to the kinemas to ignore them, too.

But it reckoned without the common informer, who has shown that these sleeping dogs can still be prodded into wakefulness and can bite. And it reckoned without the law which says that, no matter how obsolete an Act may be, so long as it is unrepealed it is the law of the land, and must be observed.

It is a disquieting fact, and one wonders how many of these obsolete and forgotten laws of the past there are on the Statute Book, apparently sunk in an eternal sleep, but capable at any moment of being stung into life and of flying at the throat of an unsuspecting public.

Rotten wood

The present experience raises very seriously the question whether there should not be a thorough revision of the Statute Book and a legislative blue pencil drawn through Acts which are mere rotten wood in the fabric of the law—rotten wood that we may step on inadvertently, to our serious loss and discomfort.

In any case, there must be no delay in dealing with the fusty antiquity that has taken an innocent liberty from millions of people in London and the provincial cities.

The Act of 1781 must be repealed, and that liberty must be restored.

SEEING *Ourselves*

Homely Wisdom—by Chancellor

R. J. Campbell, D.D.

SOME little time ago I went to call on a person I had not met before, but who was an authority on a subject in which I am interested. He is a man getting on in years, and as I was leaving he did a pathetic thing.

On the way to the front door he took me by the arm, saying: "Be careful; let me guide you; it is rather dark here, and there are two steps just in front of you which you have to descend and may not be able to see."

So he courteously and kindly helped me down the steps mentioned, and accompanied me to the exit.

Although I gave no hint of it, the truth was that there was plenty of light and I could see the steps quite clearly.

It was not I, but my venerable host, whose eyes were dim, and his action touched me very much because he was so little aware of the extent of his infirmity.

I related the incident to a friend, and he told me of a similar case rather different in outcome.

A man who had had defective sight from boyhood underwent in middle-life a special surgical treatment, which after a period spent in total darkness with eyes bandaged, succeeded in giving him almost normal sight.

As soon as the bandages were taken off he walked over to a mirror to have a look at himself and received a shock.

He did not know the face before him and found it most unattractive. The very imperfection of his vision hitherto had concealed the defects of his features from him.

Do not these two experiences illustrate some things that we know about life?

There are people who never see themselves, but complacently assume the right to hector and condemn others.

Persons brought up in a sheltered existence sometimes put themselves on a moral pedestal and talk down to their less fortunate fellow-creatures.

It would be rather galling, if it were not amusing, to be patronised by a fool who does not realise that it is not his own merits, but the accident of circumstances, that places him in a position of comparative security whence to find fault with his poorer neighbours.

And are we not all blinded more or less by our prejudices, habits, self-interest, and what not?

You are angry with someone, and what you think and say about him at the time may seem to you entirely just.

If you could get the anger out of your heart you would be able to see more clearly and to judge better.

In H. G. Wells' "Country of the Blind" a whole community thought the one man mad who could see. Love for him gave one girl a spiritual sight that saved them both from death.

There is a saying that love is blind: on the contrary, it is love only that can see.

CITY MAGNATE'S Astounding Finance

HE can quell the stormiest meeting, but blacker clouds are gathering over the affairs of the Lord of Lundy Island

TO be Sovereign Lord of Lundy Island, which looks upon the Devon coast from the mouth of the Bristol Channel, is something to be proud of, even though the island measures only 3¼ miles by 1 mile, and boasts a population of no more than forty-five souls.

That, at least, is the opinion of Mr. Martin Coles Harman, of 11, Angel Court, London, E.C., who happens to be the owner of Lundy and consequently monarch of all he surveys.

Mr. Harman is apparently very jealous of the position he holds in this little island, which, throughout the ages, has figured in history—first, as a stronghold of pirates, buccaneers, privateers and smugglers, and then, in the reign of Charles I., as a famous garrison.

Mr. Harman gained prominence in connection with Lundy Island recently by appealing in the High Court against his conviction by some Devonshire magistrates for issuing coins embossed with his own head instead of that of His Majesty the King.

Limelight changes colour

Although Mr. Harman is perfectly entitled to regard himself as monarch of Lundy—as he did very decisively during the Law Courts hearing—the Lord Chief Justice of England and two other learned judges dismissed his appeal.

Their reason was that even the self-appointed Sovereign Lord of Lundy Island cannot do just as he pleases in contravention of the Coinage Act.

We have no doubt that Mr. Harman enjoyed the publicity that this case has afforded him.

The cold, austere atmosphere of the Appeal Court must have been refreshing to this dashing, indefatigable genius, who, a master of figures, controls a mighty group of City companies, covering such diversified interests as groceries, silks, oil, mines, and banking and insurance trusts.

Hundreds of shareholders in companies of the Harman group—of which there are something like thirty—are feeling more than a little disturbed.

Boisterous scenes have marked recent meetings, even though the majority of shareholders have been absent.

Millions of public money are involved, and it is clear that wide publicity is called for regarding the manifold grievances which have led to the present disquieting position.

One of the companies involved is the Chosen Corporation, Ltd., of which Mr. Martin Coles Harman is chairman and managing director.

Ill-Chosen?

It has an issued capital of £500,000, and was formed to develop the Chang Song Mining Concession in Chosen, Korea.

Animated scenes and acrimonious outbursts marked the annual meeting which was held recently at Winchester House, E.C.

Mr. Harman himself did not escape criticism from the shareholders, who had to face the sad truth that, like many other Harman ventures, their company was paying no dividend.

Nor did these criticisms emanate solely from shareholders.

Two of Mr. Harman's fellow-directors and the corporation's secretary made bitter comments upon his methods, and they have since resigned.

It appears that, two days before this meeting, matters had reached such a grave issue that Mr. Harman was actually suspended from his office of managing director by his colleagues.

What, then, is amiss?

So far as we can gather, the root of the trouble lies with another Harman concern, called the British Bank for Foreign Trade, of which he is also chairman.

Indeed, certain transactions carried out between this bank and other companies under Harman's control more than justify shareholders in their demand for fuller enlightenment.

The Chosen Corporation, for instance, paid £25,000 into this bank on the suggestion of Mr. Harman; but one day, when £800 was due for repayment, it was not forthcoming without pressure from the other directors.

Even then, only a portion of the amount due was obtained.

This unsatisfactory position led to a consultation between the solicitors and auditors on both sides, which resulted in the appointment of a committee of creditors.

To-day the British Bank for Foreign Trade owes the Chosen Corporation £35,000—a somewhat strange form of "banking," especially in view of other facts we shall give and the fact that Mr. Harman dominated the boards of bank and corporation alike.

At the Chosen Corporation meeting, Mr. Harman stated that he did not consider this £35,000 as a bad debt.

But why, if the bank is really anything of a bank, should it be regarded as a debt at all?

Unfortunately, however, the last accounts of the British Bank for Foreign Trade showed a loss of £6,700, while the auditors stated that the securities deposited on loans and advances were much less in value than the figures which appeared in the balance-sheet.

The British Bank for Foreign Trade has figured very badly in another of the Harman group—the Oceana Consolidated Company, Ltd., which has an issued capital of nearly £1,000,000.

The master mastered

The general meeting of this concern was also a stormy one, many shareholders standing on chairs and passing bitter comments.

Mr. Harman, whose usual mastery in such situations failed to quell the uproar, tried hard to make himself heard from the seat he occupied in the body of the hall, but was told in wild terms to sit down.

The latest balance-sheet of the Oceana Consolidated Company makes sad reading, for the company's assets had depreciated by something like 70 per cent. in seven months.

Investments previously shown as representing £1,322,190 are now shown, at the directors' own valuation, as being worth only £405,421.

This shows a loss of £916,769, which is almost equal to the company's issued share capital!

Investments which cost £1,300,000 have yielded interest throughout the year of only £4,565.

Then there are the usual "sundry debtors," the largest being Mr. Harman's British Bank for Foreign Trade, which crops up again here with a debt of £30,693 due to the Oceana Company.

The auditors, moreover, state that they are not satisfied that the bank is in a position to meet its indebtedness.

At the meeting, too, several shareholders pressed for information as to what had happened to Government securities amounting to £107,500 which appeared in the last balance-sheet presented by the previous board.

In 1929 the balance-sheet of the Oceana Company showed cash in hand £29,424. It has now diminished to £563.

Is it surprising, in these disturbing circumstances, that shareholders should have treated Mr. Harman as they did?

In company after company of the Harman group the same sort of thing is to be found.

Expert's thrust

Let us take at random the case of the Rock Investment Co., Ltd., of which Mr. Harman is also the guiding spirit.

More than half a million of money has been put up in this.

But the last balance-sheet reveals heavy bank overdrafts and losses, and has been described by an expert as "the most unsatisfactory" he had ever read.

Although Mr. Harman's opinion is that the disastrous state of the company is due to the "world-wide situation," the expert's view was that rash financial methods were mainly responsible.

Even the auditors had to complain that the directors had failed to produce a valuation showing the real cause of the heavy losses and depreciations.

In another company—the Gas, Water and General Investment Trust—the auditors point out that an item, "investments at cost and adjustment of securities account—£1,141,000," includes £725,740 in respect of "losses realised and amounts written off securities and loans to date."

Their comments are significant.

"As no valuation has been made by directors for reasons stated in their report," they remark, "we are unable to express an opinion as to the value of the remainder of the asset."

We could give further instances of defaulting Harman companies—some hopelessly in debt and others with practically no cash in hand.

The marked obstinacy of directors in refusing to give the fullest information to the distressed shareholders is difficult to fathom.

More—and more

Mr. Harman may be the Sovereign Lord of Lundy Island; but the time must inevitably come when he will not find it so easy to go on appealing for fresh public support in the face of such amazingly complicated finances.

This he does not yet seem to have realised, as only a few weeks ago he was asking for a further £300,000, which, he blandly admitted, was required to meet "existing indebtedness."

Although Mr. Harman is an adept in quelling boisterous company meetings, the shareholders of at least one of these concerns have already suggested a Board of Trade enquiry.

And unless he shows more readiness in future to furnish shareholders with the reasonable information to which they are entitled, he cannot complain if the Board of Trade finally intervenes, in an endeavour to arrive at the real truth.

HELP THE HOSPITALS

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DARING DRUG IMPOSTOR Unmasked

ROADSIDE DRAMA of a BOGUS CELEBRITY

NOT long ago a motorist came upon the recumbent figure of a middle-aged man in a Surrey lane.

When he stopped to investigate he saw that blood was trickling from a small wound on the stranger's face.

The man was clad in smart morning attire, while his silk hat, slightly battered, lay beside him in the dust—all the ingredients for a first-class mystery.

After the motorist had assisted the fallen man to his car the man recovered sufficiently to tell his story. And a dramatic story it was.

It appeared that he was Mr. Frank G. Douglas, and that he was a mining engineer from India.

In London, he confided, he had been introduced to a Mr. and Mrs. Randall, supposedly well known in society circles, who had been most kind to him.

The stuffed wallet

With their aid he had been negotiating for the purchase of a villa in a Surrey beauty spot, and they had motored him out there that day.

Then had come an unbelievable shock. The Randalls, whoever they were, had set a trap for him, and their goodness of heart had all been a pose.

He had suddenly lost consciousness—presumably through some drug—and had known nothing more until he found himself lying in the lane minus a wallet containing £600 in notes and half a dozen articles of jewellery. Even his return-ticket to Bombay had been taken.

The motorist was most sympathetic, and offered him hospitality.

The next day, though, Mr. Douglas complained of feeling the effects of his experience; he would like to rest.

His host had to depart for town, but before leaving obliged Douglas by cashing a cheque for a substantial sum.

On his return that night the benefactor found that the wealthy mining engineer from India had decamped with everything of value.

A day or so later the cheque came back from the bank dishonoured.

The truth is that the man calling himself Frank G. Douglas is a clever and dangerous crook, with a versatility that is perhaps unequalled.

He is now most active, and was staying recently at a London hotel which caters especially for officers of the Mercantile Marine.

As Captain Frederick Anstruthers he made an impressive figure, for he is bronzed and finely built.

He was supposed to be on temporary leave before sailing for South Africa; meanwhile, he exhibited an expensive taste in wines and cigars.

One of his first acts was to cash a cheque drawn in his favour on a West End branch of a famous bank, and shortly afterwards he appeared in a state of great excitement to announce that he had won £12,000 in an Irish sweepstake.

He created a good impression by declaring that he intended to make a generous donation to seamen's institutions—an intention which seemed to be borne out by certain correspondence which he produced.

Douglas used their famous names with impunity—Sir Abe Bailey, and . . .

. . . General Smuts

Then came a telegram ordering him to proceed to Southampton to inspect the *Gloucester Castle*, which, it was understood, he was to "captain" on her next voyage.

This telegram was signed as from the London office of the Union Castle Line, and on the strength of it the hotel manager cashed a second cheque to oblige his breezy guest.

A hasty reference to the "A B C" showed that Captain Anstruthers could just get to Waterloo in time to catch the best train of the day.

He never returned; but his cheques did, both being marked "No account."

Although the *Gloucester Castle* was certainly in dock at Southampton at the time, Anstruthers never had any official connection with it, and was, needless to say, quite unknown to the Union Castle Line.

The "official" telegram he sent to himself, while a confederate furnished the correspondence in support of his sweepstake-win story.

Finally, the cheques passed were found to have been taken from a book stolen by the captain from a West End hotel.

Complaints about him have been frequent for some time past.

On many occasions he has styled himself a baronet, selecting names at random from an endless list of aliases, which include Duncan, Law, Hastings, Lyndhurst, Andrews and Snowden.

He has no claim to any title, of course, but frequently during his long career of crime in this country he has had the audacity to pose as a near relative of some of the most famous people in South Africa.

Bluffed a banker

One day he walked into a London branch of a South African bank and introduced himself to the manager as a big merchant from Bulawayo.

He was on a temporary business visit, he explained, and chatted pleasantly of South African affairs, mentioning many personalities, and adding that the manager of the bank's Bulawayo branch was a personal friend.

Arrangements had been made for some thousands of pounds to be transferred to London for his use while here, and he was surprised that intimation had not come through by the last mail.

His narrative was so well sustained and so detailed that the manager was completely deceived and authorised the issue of a cheque-book on the spot.

These cheques have since been cashed with various unsuspecting people for substantial sums.

This rogue, who always poses as a man of means, has constantly passed as the brother of some famous South African personage.

Amongst those whose names have been grossly misused in this way are General Jan Smuts, P.C., C.H., F.R.S.; Sir Charles Napier; Sir Abe Bailey, and Lord and Lady de Villiers.

Once he actually succeeded in passing as Sir Charles Napier, and, in this guise, booked a suite of rooms at one of London's leading hotels for Lord and Lady de Villiers.

After living richly for some weeks, the bogus baronet disappeared, leaving everything unpaid, and having passed innumerable worthless cheques.

Africa knows him

At another hotel he booked a suite "on behalf of General Smuts," decamping when he had used this leverage for defrauding various people.

His countless victims include a big distiller, from whom he ordered 5,000 cases of Scotch whisky, pretending that he had a liquor business in Pietersberg, Transvaal.

For this deal he casually signed a cheque for £12,000, drawn on the Standard Bank of South Africa, and obtained a large loan before his story was ultimately exploded.

Actually, he is a big South African crook, whose real name is Johannes Lourens.

Although he talks so fervently of South Africa, we do not think he would readily return, for the police there know him well as one who has served several terms of imprisonment for fraud and one particularly long term for forgery.

A complete list of his aliases—he has over forty—would occupy more space than we can give. In addition to those already mentioned, they include John de Villiers, George Machin, F. Wingate, and William Blair.

Of all the impostors JOHN BULL has exposed, this man is one of the most impudent, successful and spectacular.

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As a third alternative, it is suggested that they should teach hypnotism to others, once they have learned how to do it from the Paris College of Psychology.

The lure in this is that they can charge their pupils from five to twenty guineas for a course of personal instruction.

It is therefore a little surprising to find that the college asks nothing like such fees from its own pupils.

It is prepared to teach "everything" for two guineas!

The whole thing is, of course, preposterous rubbish; but the college's literature is drawn up in such a manner that it might easily induce simple folk to part with their money.

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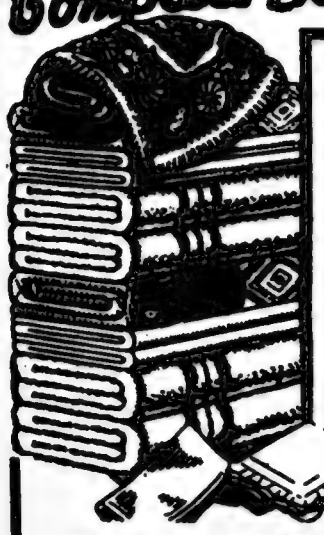

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Bandages Discarded After 30 Years! Age 65!

I have suffered for 30 years from varicose veins. I have worn bandages and elastic stockings and have paid a small fortune to doctors and hospitals for treatment all to no avail. In addition I have had to rest for months at a time and I am 65 years of age. Yet thanks to Elasto that heavy bursting feeling is gone, the varicose veins have completely disappeared and I can discard my bandages. No words of mine can possibly express my gratitude and I shall always recommend Elasto. Several of my friends are also using the treatment with good results. You may publish this for the benefit of other sufferers. (Sgd.) Mrs. H. E. HARDAKER, 12, Barrowdale Road, Lancaster.

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CURES THROUGH THE BLOOD

A "FANCY" GOODS FANTASY

A PLEASANT-MANNERED individual, of forty or so, is touring the country by car and making a profitable thing out of it.

He is John Wesley, and he is in the habit of calling upon householders with an attractive display of cutlery, table-ware, ash-trays, mirrors and miscellaneous fancy goods, which he offers at bargain prices.

Quite candidly he explains that he is the principal of a new firm, styled "Wesley and Co." and that he has commenced business in a modest way, with an office in South London, and a warehouse elsewhere.

One or two friends have joined him, he continues, and are travelling in other districts trying to build up a connection.

He gives the impression that it is a sort of family affair in which they are all financially interested, and in which each man is doing his utmost to keep down expenses.

These intimate confidences usually win him a sympathetic hearing, so he goes on to speak enthusiastically of the excellent advantages that the company possesses in obtaining consignments of such splendid goods at the lowest prices.

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He could, indeed, have floated a public company without difficulty, and the public would have been only too eager to subscribe, since the prospects were unrivalled.

However, he preferred to start in a small way and gradually build up the business.

In one town recently he produced salad-bowls, glassware, picture-frames, scent-sprays and cutlery, of seemingly excellent quality, and the prices he quoted were most tempting.

When outlining his usual story he stated that the first customers would be entitled to one share as soon as the venture was converted into a limited liability company, and would thus be privileged to participate in the profits.

He booked an order for certain goods, but declared that there had been a run on that particular line, and that the samples he was exhibiting were his last.

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He disarmed suspicion by offering to leave them, if desired, though he craftily added that he would be ever so much obliged if the householder would allow him to have the goods sent on.

"I should like to have these to show to other customers, if you don't mind," he said, and his plausibility carried conviction.

The outcome was that he pocketed cash in payment, and departed with a promise that the order would be fulfilled within a day or two.

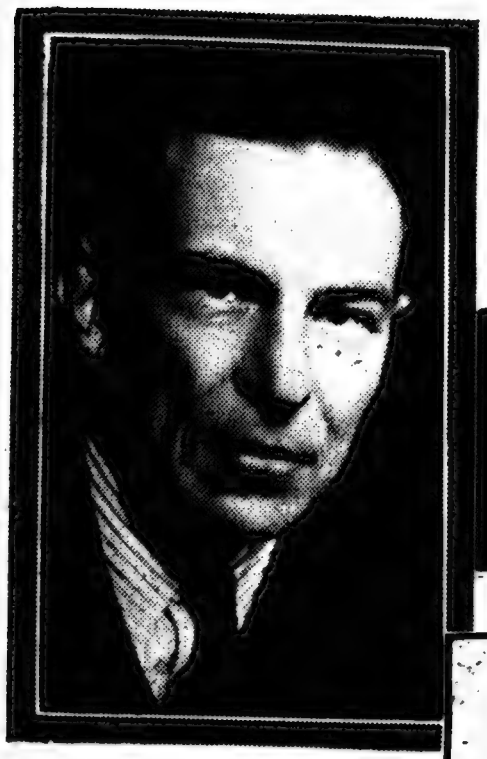
This promise has never been kept, and a letter to the address given has been returned.

Numerous complaints have arisen, and it seems clear that this man has also been operating in the names of G. Carter, R. Downe and M. Grey.

The story he tells is a clever one, and is recounted with considerable artistry.

It behoves all householders to keep the details in mind, for there is no saying where he will crop up next.

British Orphan IN SLAVE CAMP



Sir Robert Vansittart's department at the Foreign Office is admittedly powerless. (Right) Could give some help to secure the release of Robins —Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, Belgian Ambassador

AMONG the readers of JOHN BULL there may be someone who can save an eighteen-year-old youth from sheer interminable slavery.

This can be done if anyone can give the slightest clue to the relatives or antecedents of George Robins, who is believed to have been born at Sydney, Australia, on January 5, 1913, and who appears to have been brought up in the Jewish faith.

Robins, at present, is a youth without legal identity or nationality. So he has been seized by the Belgian authorities for slave-labour, and every effort to rescue him from that shameful fate has so far failed.

This is the story of his sad adventures and the frightful conditions in which he is being held practically as a perpetual prisoner.

At the end—prison

Robins has very slight recollection of his early days, but he is definite regarding the date of his birth and the fact that his boyhood was spent in Sydney.

In 1925, when he was twelve, his father took him to Canada, but Mr. Robins died a year later in Montreal.

Left to fend for himself, the boy knocked about Canada in farm and casual jobs until three months ago.

He then worked his passage on a ship to Britain, and afterwards tried unsuccessfully to obtain a berth on a steamer from London to Australia.

The youth was penniless, and in despair he became a stowaway on a German liner sailing from Tilbury to Sydney by way of the Continent.

Just before the ship entered Antwerp he was discovered and put ashore at that port.

When required by the Belgian police to produce a passport or other identity-papers he could not, of course, do so.

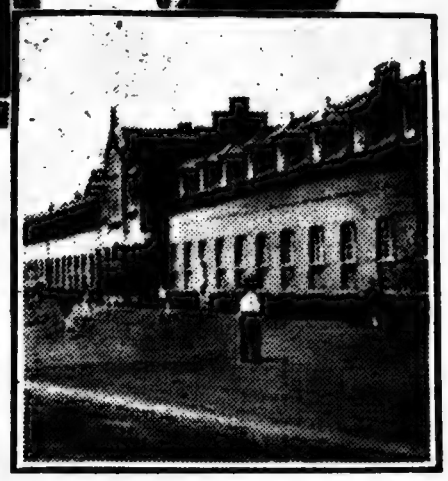
Next day he was charged in court with being a vagrant and sent to prison for a month.

In the hell-hole

There was no interpreter in court, and Robins could neither understand the proceedings nor make himself understood.

While in prison, the lad appealed to the British Consul-General at Antwerp for protection.

But the Consul could do nothing as



"A hell-hole"—A view of the huge vagrancy institution at Merxplas

—although Robins can only speak English—there was no evidence of his nationality.

The Australian authorities in London and on the Continent also declare that they cannot intervene until proof of identity is forthcoming.

Robins, therefore, was not given his liberty when the sentence expired.

Instead, a month ago—on his eighteenth birthday—he was transferred to what the Belgians call a Labour Colony at Merxplas.

This is a dreadful place, worse than any prison.

In it are gathered the scum of Europe and scores of destitute seamen who have been robbed by the unscrupulous parasites and thugs who haunt the docks and sinister cafés of Antwerp.

We have previously had to expose the truth about this so-called colony, with its terrible food, cruel discipline, and appalling general conditions.

It is a veritable hell-hole, from which the prisoners are sent out to work twelve hours a day on the foulest kinds of labour.

The grim, high walls which surround it are patrolled night and day by guards, armed with carbines and short, flat swords.

British seamen who are put away into this place generally obtain their release in time after their relatives have produced proof of nationality and pay a repatriation fee of £5.

Poor Robins, however, cannot get out until he *earns* the necessary £5.

And it would take him years to earn the money required for his release, because he is being paid only a half-penny per day for swamp land-reclamation work.

He has been put on to ditch-digging, and has to work standing up to the waist in mud.

Even if the money were provided, Robins' position would be no better.

He has no nationality, and, as the British Consul has pointed out to our Foreign Office, he would almost certainly be rearrested as a vagrant immediately his liberty was restored.

Can you help?

So the wretched youth remains bound to his awful fate by British and Australian red-tape. There cannot be the slightest doubt that he is either British or a subject of some part of the Empire.

But officialdom will not exert itself to prove his real nationality.

In the slave camp where he is held prisoner, Robins has only one friend—the local rabbi. He also finds himself powerless against the nationality laws.

If any reader of JOHN BULL can give the slightest help towards establishing the origin of George Robins, we shall at once take the necessary action to have him released and repatriated.

The Mountain Landslide

A VERY curious offer comes from the City and Suburban Estates Corporation, of Hills Place, Oxford Circus, London.

It boasts "one of the finest" estates on the London "fringe," where attractive bungalows are being erected, and where plots can be obtained on payment of £1 deposit.

To encourage enquirers, the corporation issues imposing pink slips, drawn up in the form of a cheque, and said to be valid for £1 for one month.

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A further privilege, which is equally vague, is that a plot-buyer will be "put on the list" of purchasers in respect of a presentation bungalow or £500 cash.

Shortly after the list is closed it is proposed to hold a luncheon to which all purchasers will be invited.

A meeting will follow "to determine by a majority the method by which it shall be decided to whom the presentation bungalow shall be given."

Surely no stranger housing scheme was ever devised?

Enquiries we have made about this scheme do not inspire confidence.

The City and Suburban Estates Corporation is barely six months old, and is actually nothing more than a business name for A. E. Mountain and W. E. Mountain.

The "corporation's" headquarters are in an obscure office, where there is little sign of activity beyond the collection of letters twice daily.

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A BALLOT to Support

by

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"Any day you may want a hospital bed"

IF I were asked to indicate the most inspiring job of work carried out in this country to-day I should point, unhesitatingly and proudly, to the voluntary hospitals.

They are of the people, and for the people. Their democracy, their loyalty, their unswerving devotion to duty, are typical of the vast majority of the people whom they serve.

They are the most characteristically British of our great national institutions.

But read further! It is far from my intention to preach, for they are themselves sermons in bricks and stone and mortar. They have delivered their own message in terms of service and humanity.

They *belong* to you. They are at once both your legacy and your responsibility. Neither can prosper without the other.

There are 1,000 voluntary hospitals up and down the land—healing the sick, mending the broken, grappling day and night with the enemies of life and limb, making pain less poignant, making motherhood less perilous, teaching doctors who will minister to the succeeding generation, surrendering only to death.

There is the humble cottage hospital, with perhaps ten beds, and there is the great national teaching hospital, with a thousand beds.

Keep the door open!

Each and all have ever-open doors. Each and all depend upon a great-hearted public, upon *you*, to ensure that they never close.

Need I stress how acute is the anxiety that adequate funds shall be forthcoming to support these 1,000 homes of healing?

Many are in debt. Many live from hand to mouth. Scores are forced to declare sadly that "the inn is full," and turn away those to whom they would gladly minister.

From year to year the number of beds is constantly growing. From year to year, with the natural advances in medical and surgical science, the treatment of patients grows more expensive, and more a burden.

The yearly expenses of the London hospitals for maintenance alone amount to over £3,500,000. For the whole country they must be well over the £10,000,000 mark.

That is a gigantic sum. But it is not going to rest there. More and more must the voluntary hospitals rely on the man-in-the-street for the maintenance of a service which is primarily for his own benefit.

Contributory schemes among wage earners and a variety of other voluntary efforts have proved up to the hilt that the people are more than anxious to do their bit.

For this reason alone, then, the great hospital-helping Ballot now launched by the *Daily Herald*, in conjunction with the British Charities Association, will afford hundreds of thousands the popular opportunity for which they have been waiting.

I trust sincerely that the Ballot will have the loyal support of the readers of JOHN BULL.

At a time when hundreds of thousands of pounds are going overseas to aid hospitals there, while the need at home is so urgent; at a time when money that might be bringing dividends of new life to our own sick and crippled is being poured into the coffers of the organisers of overseas lotteries, it must come like a breath of fresh air to hospital workers in this country

The British Charities Association, of the council of which I have the honour to be a member, has, for the last seven years, been organising ballots on a smaller scale.

It has distributed over £207,000 to the hospitals and as large a sum to the public in prize-money. Over 800 hospitals have benefited.

Of this present great effort I will say little. The details, I imagine, are already nation-wide knowledge. But this I would impress upon you all:

Here is an opportunity to win a magnificent prize; a splendid opportunity to help a noble and deserving cause. Every sixpence you may spend, win or lose, is an investment.

For no man, woman or child can tell the day or the hour when he or she may occupy a bed which a tiny contribution has helped to endow.

In 1913, the last complete pre-war year, the expenditure of the London hospitals was about £4,000 a day.

With a steady, annual expansion of their work, it exceeded £8,000 a day in 1925, and has now soared to £10,000—an increase due to the ever-increasing volume and changes of the work.

The work piles up

All of you who are motorists, and pedestrians too, will realise the added burden that street accidents have imposed on the hospitals, and none of you will deny the enthusiasm with which the hospitals have tackled the problem.

Traffic accidents involve the hospitals in an expenditure of over £250,000 a year, of which they do not recover one-tenth.

Fortunately, through the good offices of the chairman of the British Charities Association, who moved a suitable amendment to the Motor Transport Act in the House of Lords, it is now provided that hospitals shall be able to recover part of their costs from the proceeds of the motorists' insurance policies.

Again, those of you who are ratepayers, who appreciate the anxiety of this burden of taxation, will thoroughly understand this extra charge of rates on the exchequers of the hospitals.

That they are not exempt from such a payment is lamentable, but the fact remains that they are not.

Pilgrimage of pity

The figures for London are not available, but a recent report of the Central Bureau of Hospital Information indicates that the rates paid by the provincial voluntary hospitals total the enormous aggregate of between £50,000 and £100,000 a year.

In face of this and other onerous burdens, the London hospitals alone have added 4,000 beds since 1913, and the number of out-patients has increased during the same period from five millions to eight-and-a-half millions.

Picture in your mind's eye that unending pilgrimage of the sick, the injured and the suffering to the out-patients' departments.

I sometimes wonder whether all of those millions who have passed through, who have enjoyed the infinite, patient care and splendid skill of doctors and nurses, are as grateful as they might be.

Perhaps I am wrong. If I am right, here, with the advent of this great public effort, is an opportunity for them to express their gratitude.

And the in-patients. In 1913 they numbered about 150,000, while in 1929 the number had bounded to over 230,000.

In point of fact, while the number of beds increased by 33 per cent., the number of people using them increased by over 50 per cent.

The voluntary hospitals are no longer only a refuge for the indigent sick; the progress made in curative medicine and surgery has led to demands from many other classes of the community for services which only these institutions can give.

See to it, then, that they do not lack the funds to carry on.

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The Human Machine

STAND UP—AND STAND OUT

MANY people who see others forging ahead while they themselves seem stuck in a rut, grumble and grouse at the wrong thing. They fail to understand what is happening, because they have never appreciated the difference between failing and being beaten.

Yet there is all the difference in the world, for while anyone may fail, no one need ever be beaten.

If you aim at something, strive hard, work hard, and try mightily to achieve your goal, who shall blame you if you don't quite succeed?

At least you have tried, and in the trying have done more than those who never try at all.

And, again, you have shown that you realise that success is never easy. You have shown that you appreciate the connection between success and hard work, and to meet obstacles with a determination that they are made to be overcome.

But if you come up against what looks like an insuperable obstacle, throw up your hands, and say, "It can't be done," you have failed. That would be far too dignified a word. You have been beaten.

And lots of people have got into the mental habit of being beaten before they start. Clever people call it having an "inferiority complex." Rude people call it having no "guts." I think the rude are right.

For people who allow themselves to be browbeaten and beaten by difficulties forget the one thing they should always remember—that they are men, the dominant beings of the earth.

Self-reliance and the ability to "stick it" may not in the end lead to success; but they are two qualities that will never allow a man to be beaten. Only those are beaten who have no faith in themselves.

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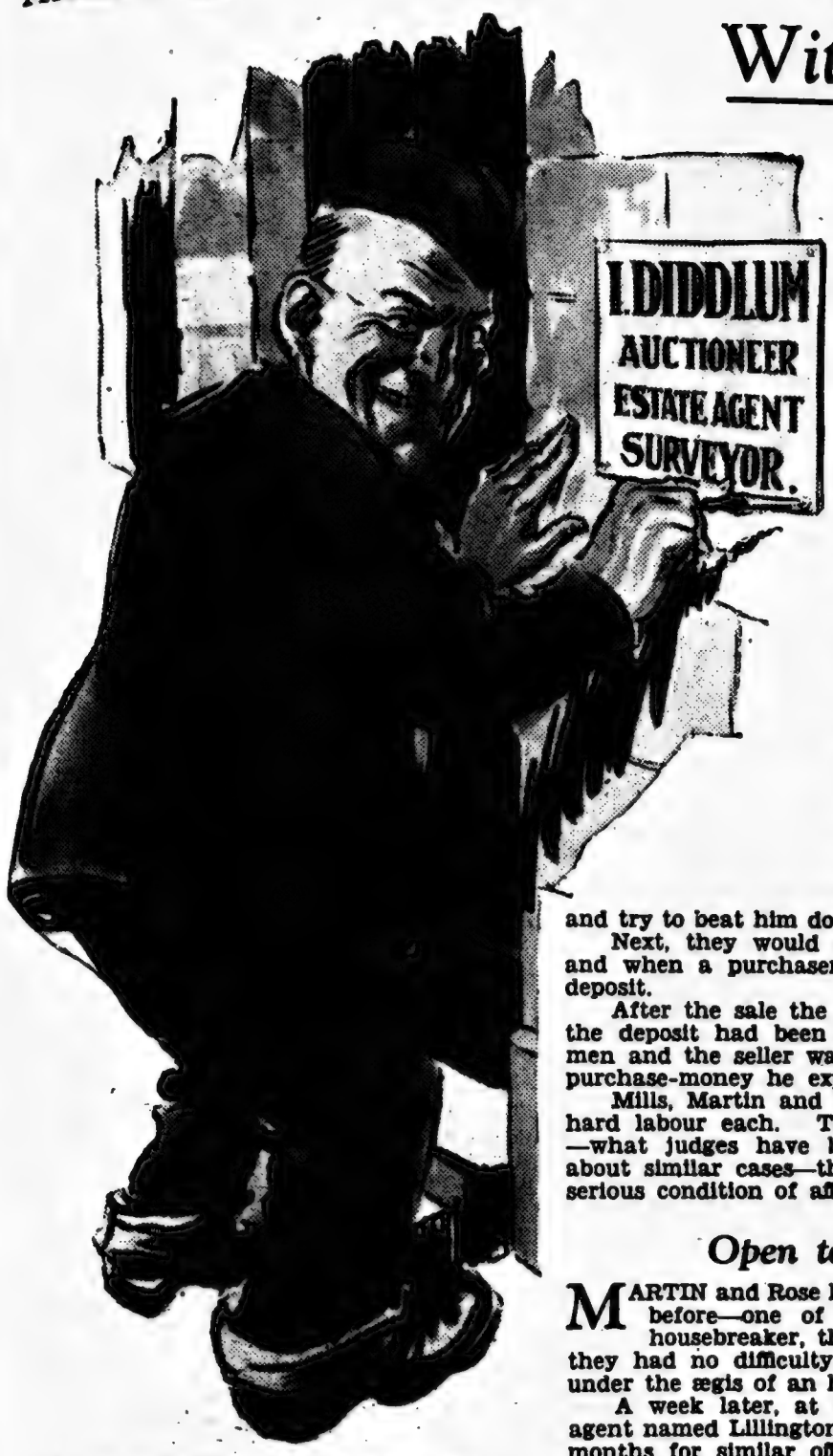


A few screws in a brass plate and the crook waits for his victims to pour in . . .

FEW things in this world convey such an impression of respectability and integrity as a nice, solid brass plate.

Brass, the dictionary tells us, is an alloy of base metals. Too often it is—to twist the phrase—an ally of base deception.

With very few exceptions, five minutes' work with a screw-driver gives any unscrupulous thug the status in the public eye of a professional man.

If he describes himself as a doctor, a lawyer or a dental surgeon, the law has something to say on the matter.

But there are dozens of other professions, living equally by the people's trust, whose members take no steps whatever to guard their gates against the crook and quack.

A particular instance is that of estate-agencies. The present system allows any person, however inexperienced, financially unstable or unscrupulous, to put up a brass plate, inscribed: "Auctioneer, Estate-Agent, Surveyor, etc. Rents collected. Building Society advances negotiated."

Done—easily!

THERE is only a few pounds annually to pay to the Revenue by way of a licence—as easily obtained as a postage-stamp—and the thing is done.

Far too often the clients are also *done*.

The record of the profession last year was particularly black. Dozens of cases of fraud on the part of bogus agents were heard in the criminal courts. Scores of bankruptcies took place.

To take a few typical cases:

Last October three men stood in the dock at the London Sessions. Their names were Mills, Martin and Rose.

They had been running various estate-agencies all over London for the purpose of swindling people who came to them with a view to buying shops and businesses.

Their method is worth explaining, since there are other firms at the present time doing business in the same way.

First of all, they would get in touch with a business for sale, see the vendor and try to beat him down in price.

Next, they would advertise the business, and when a purchaser came along obtain a deposit.

After the sale the victim would find that the deposit had been appropriated by these men and the seller was unable to obtain the purchase-money he expected.

Mills, Martin and Rose got nine months' hard labour each. The chairman remarked—what judges have been constantly saying about similar cases—that it revealed "a very serious condition of affairs."

Open to crooks

MARTIN and Rose had both been convicted before—one of them as a suspected housebreaker, the other for fraud. Yet they had no difficulty in starting a business under the ægis of an honourable profession.

A week later, at Portsmouth, an estate-agent named Lillington went to jail for twelve months for similar offences. The sums obtained were £60, £50, £110 and £8. In one case a poor woman had parted with the whole of her savings.

Lillington's method was also the deposit ramp, and his victims received neither houses nor their deposits.

The Leeds Assizes, sitting during the same week, saw Frank Huby, a Doncaster estate-agent, sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

It was shown that in every case Huby promptly made away with the deposits entrusted to him. Nearly all of the deposits were made by poor people.

Black record

THE most astounding instance, however, of the utter lack of any kind of control of those who enter and practise in the profession is that shown by the evidence in a still more recent case.

At Southport, in December, Richard Aspinall, an estate-agent, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment on three charges of false pretences.

In passing sentence, the magistrates took into consideration eleven other Southport charges, thirteen from Liverpool, seven from Bootle, and six from the Lancashire County Police area.

Aspinall was convicted at Blackpool last March for false pretences, and on that occasion thirty cases were taken into consideration.

We have exposed a number of these rogues from time to time. One of them was convicted a few days ago in the person of George Stanley Beavan, and he has now gone to twenty-three months' imprisonment.

Beavan has been several times convicted, but as soon as he is released he puts up a new brass plate, and finds victims with the greatest facility.

His latest series of offences—at Bromley—included an attempt to obtain £1,000 from a woman to hush up a charge against her grandson who had been articled as a pupil.

The boy was innocent, and Detective-Inspector Rosie was just in time to stop the terrorised woman's cheque.

The fact that many of these cases are heard in the ordinary police-court and sessions routine diverts a lot of public attention from the gravity of the question.

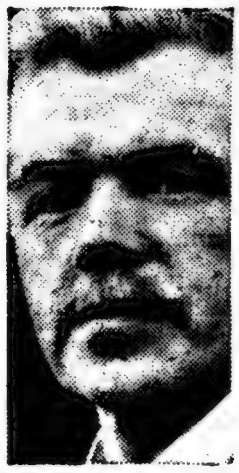
But if the dozens of cases heard during the past year up and down the country are added together and a sum is made of the total amounts involved, it will be seen that they reach a truly colossal figure—as large almost as the amounts involved in fraud cases like that of Corrigan and Lorang, on which much more public attention is focused.

What is to be done to put a stop to this wholesale fraud?

Will he do it?

FIRST of all, the various professional associations should stop squabbling on questions of prestige and make a combined effort to set their houses in order.

Sufficiently strong pressure, backed by public opinion, should be able to ensure Parliamentary intervention.



"We hope the Home Secretary will introduce legislation . . ."

In other countries—the Dominions and the United States, for instance—any Tom, Dick or Harry is not allowed to branch out as an "estate-agent."

Before doing so he is required by law to put up fidelity bonds for a substantial amount. He must be registered to possess a degree of practical knowledge, and he must be personally vouched for by people of standing.

We hope that the Home Secretary, with all these serious facts before him, will see his way to introduce some early legislation to deal with this matter, so urgently necessary for the protection of the public and the standing of a trusted and honourable profession.

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ONCE a week, in a certain quiet office-building in the City of London, five men meet and spend the day parcelling out the world between them.

They are the "quota" representatives of the European Rail Makers' Association, otherwise known as "Erma"—the first, the oldest, and the most open of the great international trusts or "cartels" which are now beginning to dominate the markets of the world.

Each man represents a particular national group of rail manufacturers.

There is one Englishman, a Frenchman, a German, a Belgian and a Luxembourgian. Between them they share out the steel-rail business of the world.

Each man produces from his portfolio the orders which have come in during the week to his group of firms.

The orders are pooled. Each draws out again the percentage allotted to his country under the cartel agreement.

Not a whisper!

The total yearly tonnage to be produced by the combined firms has already been decided on.

The countries to which each national group may export has also been decided, and the price at which they may sell.

An excellent arrangement, you may say, since it stops price-cutting, prevents over-production, and ensures the most economical working.

But there is another side to this pleasant picture of the advantages which follow upon international industrial arrangements.

That other side was shown by the Prime Minister in a statement made during the debate on the King's Speech in the last session of Parliament.

Mr. MacDonald then said that Government influence had obtained a business opening in a foreign country for certain machinery.

The order concerned was extremely large, and with justifiable pride a Government Department passed on the tender to some British manufacturers.

To its surprise the firms concerned said that they could not tender, *as that particular territory was the property of the Westinghouse Company of America.*

This astonishing statement passed completely without remark in the British Press.

Gigantic growth

It is an open secret that the country referred to was a South American republic whither the Prince of Wales has now gone to aid, with all his Royal prestige and efforts, the cause of British industry.

How many international cartels are there whose secret agreements can nullify the efforts of Embassies and Governments?

It is hard to give an exact figure, but some idea can be gathered from the fact that before the war there were known to be about 120 separate international cartels covering various industrial groups.

Scores of new cartels have been formed since the war, and it is safe to say that there are at least twice as many as in 1914.

Neutral countries outside the group are divided up between the cartel.

Another type of combine formed recently is that known as "Epidos," or the International Glue Combine.

This group practically controls the buying and selling prices of all animal by-products from the raw to the finished material—from hair, hoof and hides to all the transformations they undergo—glues, tallows, fertilisers, and numerous chemicals and plastic substances.

Thirteen

The farmer or the butcher in Lancashire or Normandy or Bavaria has cattle by-products to sell, and the office in Switzerland of the Epidos combine decides just how much they will fetch.

Epidos was formed in 1926. The corner-stone is a huge German firm, the Joint Stock Company for Chemical Products.

Included in the group are firms from thirteen countries, including Great Britain.

A list of the world's products which are now sold within the walls of international agreements between firms and groups of firms would include a disquieting number of the earth's available raw materials.

The heavy metal industry is a close clique; zinc and copper, aluminium and several other non-ferrous metals are within combines.

Among the chemicals, white lead, carbide, potash, sulphur, magnesite, creosote, sulphuric acid, bismuth and super-phosphate are vitally important materials which are also controlled.

Life—and death

Fine drugs, dyestuffs, artificial silk, matches, glass bottles and paper are important manufactured articles marketed with cartel agreements.

Quinine, one of the most valuable of all drugs to human life, is within the control of a cartel—the Quinine Trust, which has headquarters in Belgium.

One might safely say that most of the chemicals which keep life in the body are in the hands of combines.

By contrast, the means to blow life out are also trustified, since the chief explosive manufacturers are in a cartel for markets and prices.

So far the steady growth of the cartel system has proceeded more or less unchecked; modern industry and world conditions have brought forth the Trust; the war and its aftermath gave the system a tremendous impetus.

The enormous speeding-up in methods of production and swollen home markets, together with new frontiers in Europe with high tariff walls, have all played their part in bringing it about.

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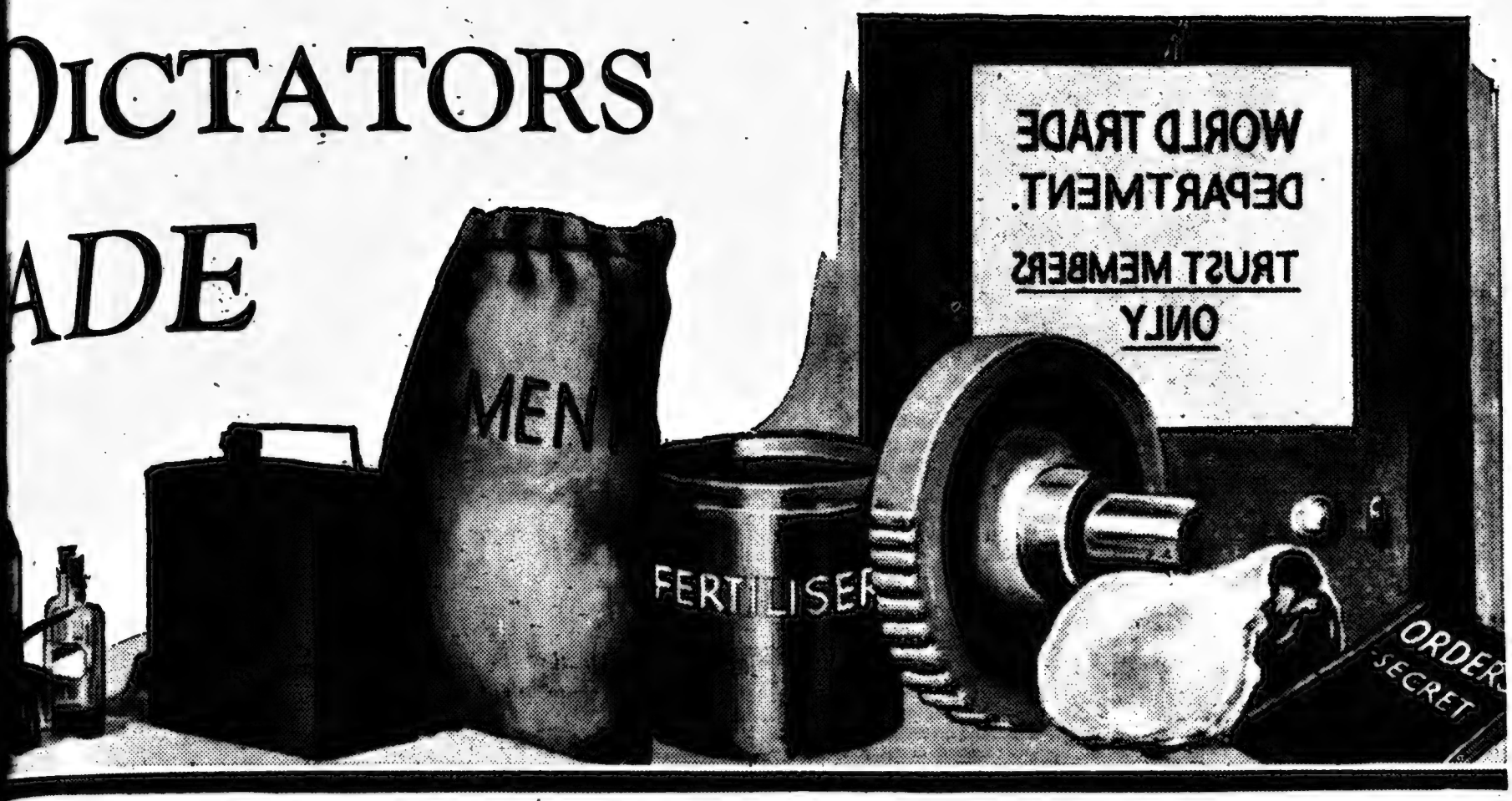

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smaller national cartels in each country.

In England such combinations of manufacturers for marketing purposes exist only in a very loose form, but their number and the range of activities they cover is surprisingly large.

In the iron and steel industry alone there are thirty-six associations whose purpose is the restriction of competition and the control of prices.

The electrical industry has combinations with a capital of £40,000,000.

Building materials, textiles, chemicals, and furniture are a few of the other trades whose associations or combines run into several hundreds, ranging from quite small trade "rings" to giants like the Coats cotton combines.

It is from the smaller national associations that the big international cartels are formed with other groups in foreign countries, thus strengthening the trust control over various classes of merchandise.

Their influence is already sufficient to cause a Parliamentary committee to remark:

"The fact is that free competition no longer governs the business world. . . . We find that capitalist combination in one or other form loads, in varying degrees, the price of practically everything we purchase."

Employment cuts

What can be said for the cartel system? Chiefly that it cuts out wasteful competition and economises on production costs.

Against it, however, a formidable indictment can be made out.

In the first place, unemployment figures have grown enormously as a result of the system.

As an example, the huge I.G. Dye Industries Trust in its last report said that it had been able to discharge about a thousand men a month for many months past as a result of recent combinations.

Where production quotas exist, with "profit and loss" pools in a cartel, more unemployment is frequently caused.

Under this system a manufacturer who exceeds his quota tonnage pays a fine into the pool.

Where he produces less he draws from the pool, and thus a premium is placed on idleness and lack of enterprise.

There are several cases, including a recent one at a huge works near London, where the owner has practically closed down his works and discharged half his men, preferring to draw his pittance from the pool rather than struggle to get business.

Rigged prices

Practical virtues like invention and salesmanship are bound to suffer as certain products become monopolies—there is not the same urge of high-pressure methods for marketing them.

Again, a strong cartel can, and does, make its home consumers suffer. It makes them pay highly for an article dumped by it in a foreign country at a much lower figure in order to drive out competition.

Already the outlook of some of these combines transcends all national considerations.

An astounding instance of this is a recent arrangement made by English manufacturers in the tinplate industry, *who have handed over Canadian territory to American firms with whom they were in a cartel.*

The strength of these trusts puts them in a position to influence Governments.

Political expedients, like tariffs, are used freely as weapons as in the instance of French groups, which have had national tariffs raised so that they could drive a better bargain with their English and German friends.

There are only two factors which are so far limiting the power of trusts.

Monopoly grip

One is that they are always quarrelling among themselves, and breaking up and re-forming again.

The other is that so far very few of the world's products are yet absolute monopolies.

Copper has recently become a monopoly with the amalgamation of the Belgian Congo Haute Katanga Mines and the British Rhodesia deposits with the huge American Copper Trust, which had previously owned 80 per cent. of the world's supply.

The Nitrogen Trust has a virtual monopoly of the most precious fertiliser in the world, thus indirectly controlling the price of bread.

The Mercury Trust owned by the Rothschild family is now no longer a monopoly.

The power of the larger cartels and the tactics used to extend their influence are well shown in the methods of the oil combines, the Swedish Match Trust and the huge International Telephones and Telegraphs.

All these lend money to Governments and resort to elaborate devices to obtain territorial and commercial concessions.

The last-named recently lent several millions to Greece in return for the monopoly of the entire telephone equipment of the country.

Idle weapons

The loan has been made on the basis that it is to be repaid out of the profits of working the system.

What steps have been taken to bring the cartel menace under control? So far practically none.

The League of Nations has discussed the matter at great length, but has come to no conclusion—except to leave the question to individual Governments.

As to that, only Norway and Australia have effective anti-trust legislation.

Neither of them is of any consequence in world industry. In both cases their legislation does not aim at trust repression, which the experience of America has shown to be futile.

Publicity is the weapon of control. All trusts in those countries have to make everything about themselves public—their aims, methods, capital and personnel.

In England, as long ago as 1927, the Committee on Trusts decided on some such method of control in this country, but so far nothing effective has been done.

Cut their claws!

If the two hundred or so international cartels and the hundreds of secret "gentlemen's agreements" were brought under stern law of that kind, it would do much to keep their dangerous power within bounds.

That this peril is real, pressing and urgent there can be no doubt.

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This shack was all the home seven children had. A family of five slept in the caravan on the right

TRAGIC ARMY of Child Martyrs

by E. Roffe Thompson

FACTS are stubborn things. Sometimes they are heart-breaking things. I will give a few facts—and you shall see.

In a street in Newcastle, seven children were found sleeping in the same bed with their mother and father.

The room was filthy and verminous, and the neglect had been so bad that when the Corporation took over the house it had to be disinfected six times before any impression was made.

The ages of the children "living" under these conditions ranged from fourteen down to one.

In a house in Greenock a two-year-old child was bitten on the face by rats on two successive nights.

"Nine of us sleep in this small kitchen," said the child's father; "five in the big bed and four of the children in collapsible beds. . . .

"I have tried my best, but I cannot get rid of the rats. Every night we hear them running about, scraping and biting at the woodwork. Within a short time I have caught ten in a trap."

A day of torture

Not long ago, in a little village near Bedford, a father—if one can dignify a brute by such a name—made his children stand for hours at a stretch in a passage, looking at a blank wall.

Three little children, aged nine, seven and five!

"The system of torture these people thought fit to inflict on the children," said the solicitor who prosecuted at the instance of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, "was more worthy of the Spanish Inquisition than anything that could happen to-day."

And if you don't think he was right, try it yourself for ten minutes—and then reflect.

You will find ten minutes more than enough; yet these mites were, on one occasion, made to stand in this fashion *from 9.30 in the morning till after nine at night.*

These are not fairy tales. They are facts—facts stubborn and heartbreaking.

This is a civilised country in the year 1931, and yet it shelters savagery as brutal and heartless as anything that could be found in the middle of Africa.

More brutal and more savage indeed, for civilisation is apt to add refinement to torture.

Not home, please!

Can you imagine a "father" who made his little son sleep on a table-leaf placed across two chairs?

Can you picture a labourer's three-roomed cottage, filthy to a degree, in which, crouching over a fire that has been lit on the open floor, is a boy of eight?

Look at him—for, no matter whom he calls "father," he is your responsibility.

His clothing consists of a dirty, thin frock and a shirt that has been stitched to it. He is shivering with cold, and he is too weak to stand.

His bed is a dirty, wet sack on the floor. His body is a mass of bruises, sores and wounds. There is a burn on one wrist—another on a leg.

Over one eye is a large, swollen lump. His nose is bruised and discoloured.

He is taken to an institution. When he is visited there his only cry is "Don't take me home! Don't take me home!" For he can call even that den "home," since he has known no other.

Stubborn, heartbreaking facts—and only a handful out of the mass of child cruelty and neglect that all over the country cries its agony to heaven.

Figures are cold things—but last year the N.S.P.C.C. dealt with 43,043 cases in which figured the well-being of 107,172 children.

And if you care to work it out this equals 351 every working day. It hardly bears thinking about.

Drink is a cipher

Nevertheless, let us think about it. Let us picture, if we can—and dare—this tragic army of 100,000 child martyrs, beaten, starved, neglected.

Let us cease to prate about the advancement of civilisation until we can find means of sweeping away much of the causes of this appalling misery.

The unthinking immediately chorus, "Drink." Let us abolish alcohol, they say, and all will be well. I beg leave to differ.

Facts are stubborn things. Of the cases of cruelty to children dealt with by the N.S.P.C.C. last year, only 10.9 per cent. can be attributed, even remotely, to drink. We must look a little deeper than that.

In 5,633 of the year's cases the families concerned lived in single rooms; and in these "homes" lived 13,912 children and 10,058 parents.

That not only spells slums; it spells poverty. Those are the twin evils that, more than any others, visit the innocent and helpless children with their afflictions.

I think we take cruelty to children far too lightly. We treat the callous and careless neglect of children too heedlessly. We leave to societies like the N.S.P.C.C. work that should be a national concern.

For the existence of an army of child martyrs in our midst is a stain on the nation's soul and a standing challenge to the nation's humanity.

Go back and read again the handful of cases with which I started, and read them carefully. I used no hysterical language. I overstated nothing. I did nothing except give the barest facts.

But who can read them without a shudder; or think about them without feeling that somewhere there is a responsibility that is being shirked?

It is an old story, but it is none the less true for that; nor is it any the less tragic.

We are spending millions of pounds every year in attempting to cure what we might have long ago prevented had we made the effort.

We clear old slums—and new slums arise. They arise imperceptibly, but they arise none the less; and in rural areas they are not even swept away.

When you mention cruelty to children people's thoughts instinctively fly to the slums of our great cities.

They are a good deal less than right. The country hides as much foulness beneath a smiling surface.

We have a long way to go before the cause of the children of this country is won. We have to tackle more than slums and more than poverty.

The problems of illegitimacy and the problems of divorce add their weighty quota to the tragic army of children whose case I am pleading now.

Hear them calling

The Royal Charter of the N.S.P.C.C. entails an obligation to prevent the public and private wrongs of children, and to do such things as are needful to attain that end.

But can we really be content to leave it to the society and to 250 inspectors to do the work that we, as a nation, are too lazy and too indifferent to do—to make lazy people work, make dirty homes clean, and turn brutes into sane human beings?

"Do you hear the children weeping, O my brothers?" Last year there were one hundred and seven thousand, one hundred and seventy-two whose weeping was heard and comforted. How many wept unheard we shall never know.

"It is not," said a great man, "in senates, or courts, or chambers of commerce, but in the dwelling-house, that the true character and hope of the time must be consulted."

And when we can say that slums and overcrowding are a thing of the past we shall be able to say also that at long last the children of Britain are entering into the birthright that is every child's due.

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A Night in the Cells

Waiting for you—"A narrow, stone-floored apartment, with white-tiled walls." Right: A peep into the "Black Maria"

HOW many people, casually reading the police-court news, stop to imagine what actually happens when a man is arrested and charged with a criminal offence?

One morning you are having a drink, when two very ordinary men enter the bar and stand one on either side of you.

Quietly they make their identity known and tell you the charge. You are then formally warned that anything you say will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence.

There is a touch of humour in the way you are "asked" to accompany the officers to the station.

No passer-by would imagine that anything unusual was happening, for in many cases the prisoner is given the choice of walking either with his captors or just in front of them.

Own up!

The party goes straight to the charge-room, which is presided over by an inspector or a station-sergeant.

You are formally charged with your crime and again warned, after which you may make a statement if you wish.

If you so decide, you may make a verbal statement which is taken down in writing, read over to you and then given to you to sign.

You are also entitled to write your own defence or remarks, but, in any case, scrupulous fairness is observed, and no undue pressure is placed on a prisoner who prefers to remain silent.

In answer to a charge many defendants say, "May I see a solicitor?" or "I am not guilty."

The truth is usually the swiftest and best way out. The more you assist the police, the easier they will make your load.

Should you really wish to see a legal adviser, the man of your choice is at once communicated with as well as any friend or relations.

The nearest of kin are notified of your trouble in any case.

Following the entry of the charge in the noble-looking volume kept for that purpose, you are thoroughly searched.

The primary object of this is to make sure that you are not in possession of any means of taking your own life.

Penknives and string are taken from you, and you may not even be allowed to retain your necktie and braces.

All oddments, such as letters, cigarettes, money, matches, pipe and tobacco—indeed, the entire contents of your pockets—are removed and placed in a bag after an exact list has been made. A prisoner released on bail has his property returned to him.

Where bail is not arranged you are escorted to your cell, a narrow but fairly long, stone-floored apartment, with white-tiled walls.

In the door is a grating about a foot square. At night the corridor lighting is so arranged that every cell is adequately illuminated for the inspection of prisoners at regular intervals.

There is no furniture, unless you care to call the fixtures such. They consist of an immovable bench, which runs down one side of the cell and across the bottom.

The across section is your bed, that being conveyed to you by the presence of a "pillow" at one end.

The "pillow" is a half-round block of wood, firmly fastened to the "bed."

While a guest at the station, you are fed, but unless you are permitted to buy your meals from outside, the fare provided is pretty hard tack.

Oh for a cigarette!

Tea in an enamelled mug and two or three slices of none too tempting bread and butter are likely to be the only items on the menu while you remain at the station. They also form lunch, and later your tea-supper.

These simple rations are passed through the grating, for your cell-door is never opened unless for some reason which makes such action necessary.

Those who take sugar in tea will find the police-station brew rather against their palate, for you are not there for the purpose of being fussed over.

A kindly jailer may make an exception in a case where the guest is not a nuisance to the entire station. Those who sing, shout and swear at the top of their voices find life even more uncomfortable.

The hardest trial during your night in the cells is resisting the craving to smoke. All users of tobacco feel its need all the more when under mental stress in confinement.

About 9.30 p.m. your bedding is pushed through the grating. There is no mattress—only three very clean, but decidedly rough, blankets of the kind known as "horse."

In "Maria's" bosom

These may be used as desired. Even if all three are used as a barrier against the hard bench, the prisoner will still long for his little bed.

If an old soldier, he will four-fold one for mattress and wrap his body in the other two.

There is no such thing as "lights out," so you might just as well try and go to sleep as quickly as your circumstances and mental state allow.

At an hour which is probably well ahead of your usual rising time, an officer will open the door and invite you to emerge for a wash.

Plain soap and two kinds of water, cold and gritty, are provided, and after drying yourself on a very rough towel, you are escorted back to the cell to await breakfast and the arrival of the motor "Black Maria."

The ride through the streets is done in complete or almost complete darkness, and it is now that your thoughts of freedom lost are most poignant.

Real ordeal starts—

You arrive at court by the back entrance, and step from the van down a flight of steps into the basement, where you and other accused persons of the previous day are placed in a large community cell.

Although you and your fellow-unfortunates are free to talk, you are all under the watchful eyes of several police officers.

The walls of this cell are covered with drawings, examples of poetic fervour, grave and gay comments on British justice, and many specimens of unparliamentary language.

One by one you are called out and taken to a room where an officer awaits with ink-pad and official forms to record your finger-prints and description.

Any prisoner may decline to have his finger-prints recorded.

If you are not convicted your finger-prints will be destroyed—unless you have been in the hands of the police on a previous occasion.

When the magistrate takes his seat the business of the court commences with the hearing of applications and summons' cases.

Then the new charges are heard, and soon your name is called, and you step into the dock.

A quick glance round shows you a curious public, a few very bored Pressmen, policemen everywhere, and in front the man who, to you, represents Destiny.

He speaks, and then your trouble really begins.

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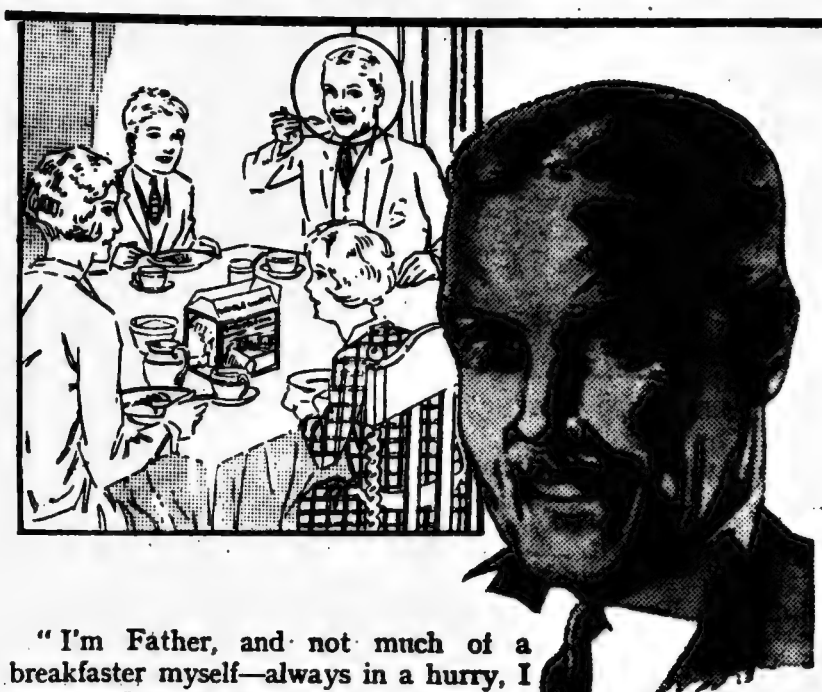

"I'm Father, and not much of a breakfaster myself—always in a hurry, I suppose. Yes, Mother is right, I do owe a lot to Shredded Wheat. I make a point of never missing my portion, and often it is all I have till lunch. It is a really satisfying meal, and on the strength of it, I get through my morning bright and cheerful. If only every business man would adopt this simple habit, this would be a brighter world to work in, believe me! Give Shredded Wheat a good run yourself and you will agree I'm right."

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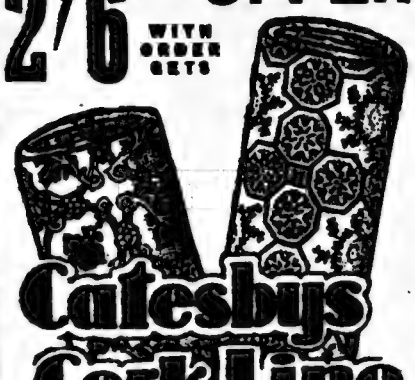

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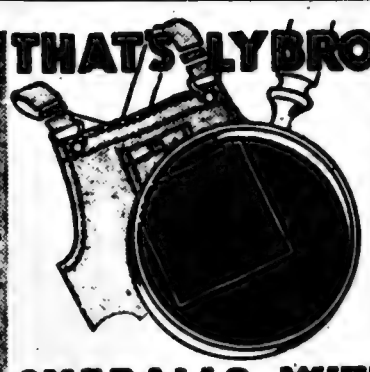

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A Worth-while WORLD WAR

Not a sea-sick horse—just the highly magnified profile of a locust, most feared of destructive insects

ALL over the earth, in far-away tropical jungles, in peaceful harvest-fields and English villages, a silent, relentless warfare is going on.

It is the battle between man and insect—in which man has been slowly losing.

It may be that the next Great War will be an open battle between man and insect, with all the nations pooling their entire resources to fight the pests which destroy the world's food.

There are known to be about 500,000 different species of insect, and very few are of any use to mankind. The bee and the silkworm are the best-known of the useful kind.

Twelve per cent. of the world's food supply is destroyed annually by insects. Their cost to the community is enormous.

The European corn-borer, introduced into America fifteen years ago by accident, now costs that country £50,000 to £150,000 annually to fight.

In 1927, a bad year, the sum of £2,000,000 was expended to arrest its spread.

An area of 400 square miles of maize country in Ontario was destroyed by its ravages.

Other insects which destroy enormous amounts of growing crops are the codling moth, which preys on apples; the cutworm and the wireworm, which destroy ground crops like potatoes; the locust and the boll-weevil—which attack cotton crops and put Lancashire cotton operatives out of work.

The Colorado beetle is one of the most terrible agricultural pests known. It was responsible for bringing about the Insect Pests Act in England.

It is so prolific and so voracious that its use was actually meditated during the war as a method of destroying the enemies' food-supplies.

A few sackfuls of these beetles dropped from an aeroplane would lay bare the field-crops of an entire country in the matter of a few weeks.

In such horror is it held that recently some astute German blackmailers conceived the plan of holding up a town to ransom by threatening to let loose the beetle battalions on the countryside.

Their threat was taken so seriously that the entire police forces of Germany were consulted and troops were called out.

Figures as to the losses in the Empire due to pests may give the reader some idea of the tremendous issues involved, and why the battle is now being waged in deadly earnest.

It eats up millions

In Canada it is estimated that the loss to field, fruit and forests is £30,000,000 per annum.

The cost to the country in eleven years from 1915 onwards was little less than Canada's share of the cost of the Great War.

In Australia the annual loss is in the neighbourhood of £20,000,000. In Queensland alone the loss is £2,000,000.

South Africa reports that the maize stalk-borer destroyed crops worth £275,000. In six years the Union spent £1,066,000 fighting the locust pest.

The Indian Empire lost in 1921 the stupendous sum of £136,000,000, due entirely to crop and forest pests.

These figures take no account of the damage and loss to the community through illness and death caused by disease-carrying insects. Were these included, the amounts would attain fairly-staggering figures.

Civilisation has been a boon to the insects. Unless we fight they may inherit the earth.

Every insect on its native heath has certain other pests which prey upon it and by their attacks keep the balance.

But nowadays an insect can be carried aboard a ship or a train feeding on a fruit or cereal, and be speedily placed in ideal conditions where it has no natural enemy to fight.

In a huge Victorian mansion in Queen's Gate, London, is the Scotland Yard of the war against the insect. Its name is the Imperial Bureau of Entomology.

It is subsidised by the Empire Marketing Board, and exists on funds totally inadequate to meet the danger.

The Rogues' Gallery

In a room upstairs is a card-index on which are classified the names, habits, habitat, and full description of almost every known injurious insect—its finger-prints, in short.

Side by side are given the names and descriptions of all their known parasites.

This is how the collected facts are used:

A farmer or a grower anywhere in Great Britain or the Empire who is troubled by a pest writes in and tells the bureau about it. Sometimes the bureau asks for a sample and sends a case to pack it in.

When it arrives it goes to the laboratory in the Buckinghamshire village of Farnham Royal.

There the pest is identified, and the experts set to work to find out which insects will do it the most harm. They will search the world until they find the parasite.

Then they collect it, breed it, cherish it, and in sufficient numbers pack them off to "do in" the pest.

Extraordinary measures are resorted to by the department in fighting pests.

When Fiji farmers were being ruined by a pest, the bureau searched the world to find a parasite to prey upon it. One was found—in Malaya, thousands of miles away.

To keep the parasite fit and well for its job the bureau dug up a whole collection of trees on which they lived and sent them all the way to Fiji on a cruiser. The pests were beaten within a year.

Britain behind

It is a world-important job. The pest-fighters must have ammunition.

America, with a population of 106,000,000, spends £2,000,000 per annum in fighting the insect-plague and employs 500 entomologists.

The British Empire, with a population four times as big, and interests far wider, spends one-quarter of this sum and employs less than 30 entomologists.

An Elusive Pimpernel

TO indulge in repeated trickery and fraud while fleeing from justice is apparently a simple feat for Archibald Greensmith.

He has been at large for fully three years, and the whole time he has operated all manner of frauds in different towns and under various names.

As John Ernest Spencer, he advertised in 1928 for a man with a little capital to take up a position in a genuine and progressive business.

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This swindle was perpetrated in Greenwich, and Spencer, otherwise Greensmith, next cropped up in Nottingham as "A. J. Rogers, Auditor and Accountant."

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Here, again, he quickly obtained an employee-investor, and disappeared as soon as the money had peen paid.

And so he has gone on, flitting from town to town, finding fresh dupes all the time and passing on before the authorities had a chance to apprehend him.

Recently he blossomed forth as Mr. E. T. Jones, accountant and auditor, of Portsmouth, and, taking an office for a few days, obtained nearly £200 from workless men whom he offered "permanent" posts.

Greensmith, for all his elusiveness, is no stranger to jail, and once served a twenty-months' sentence for obtaining money by false pretences.

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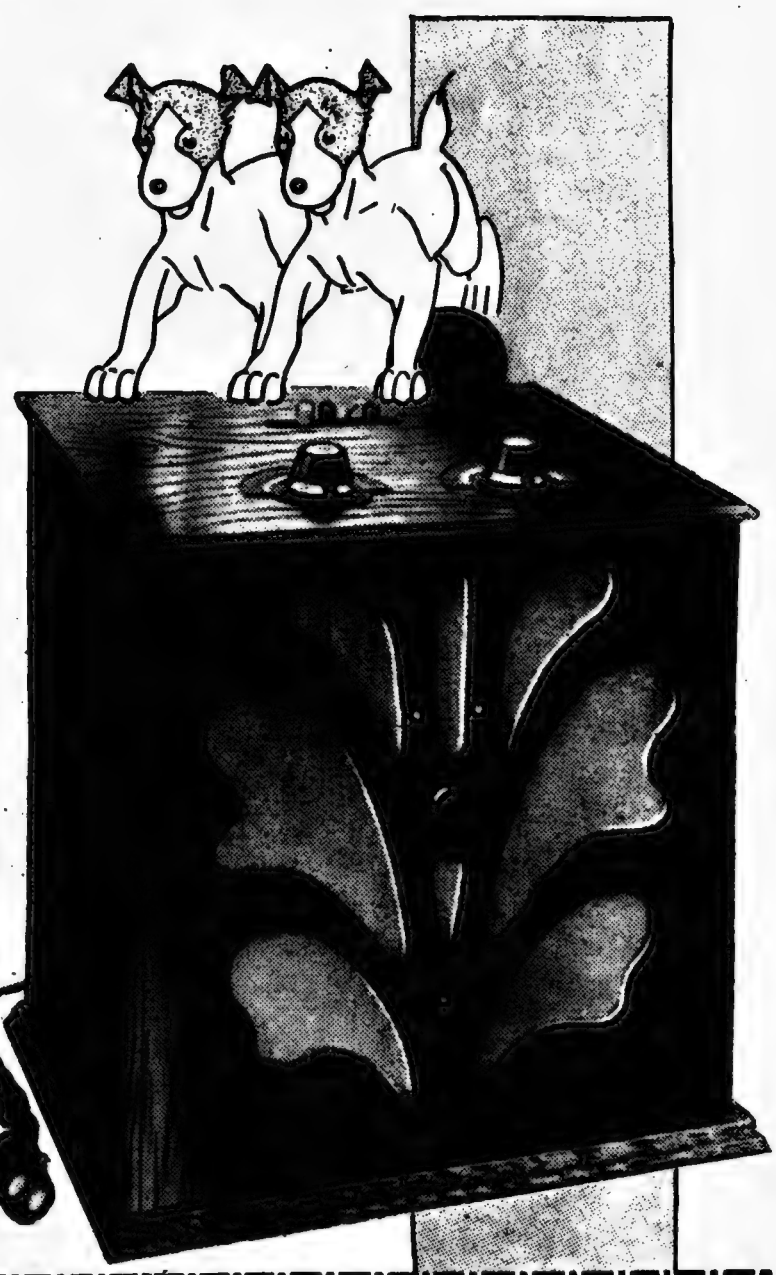

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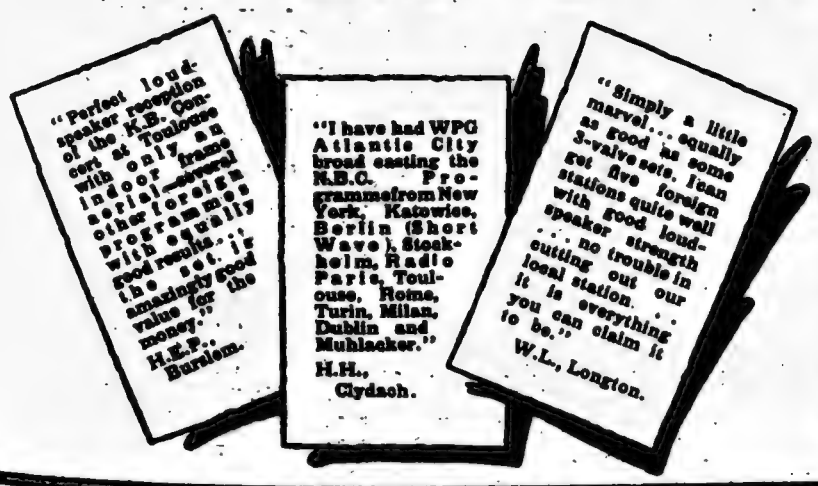
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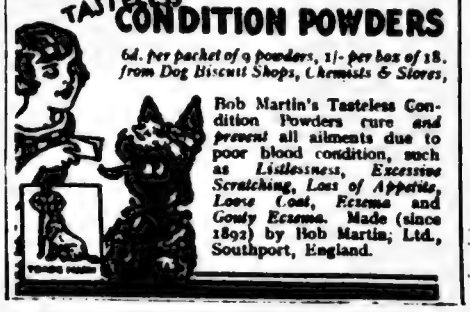

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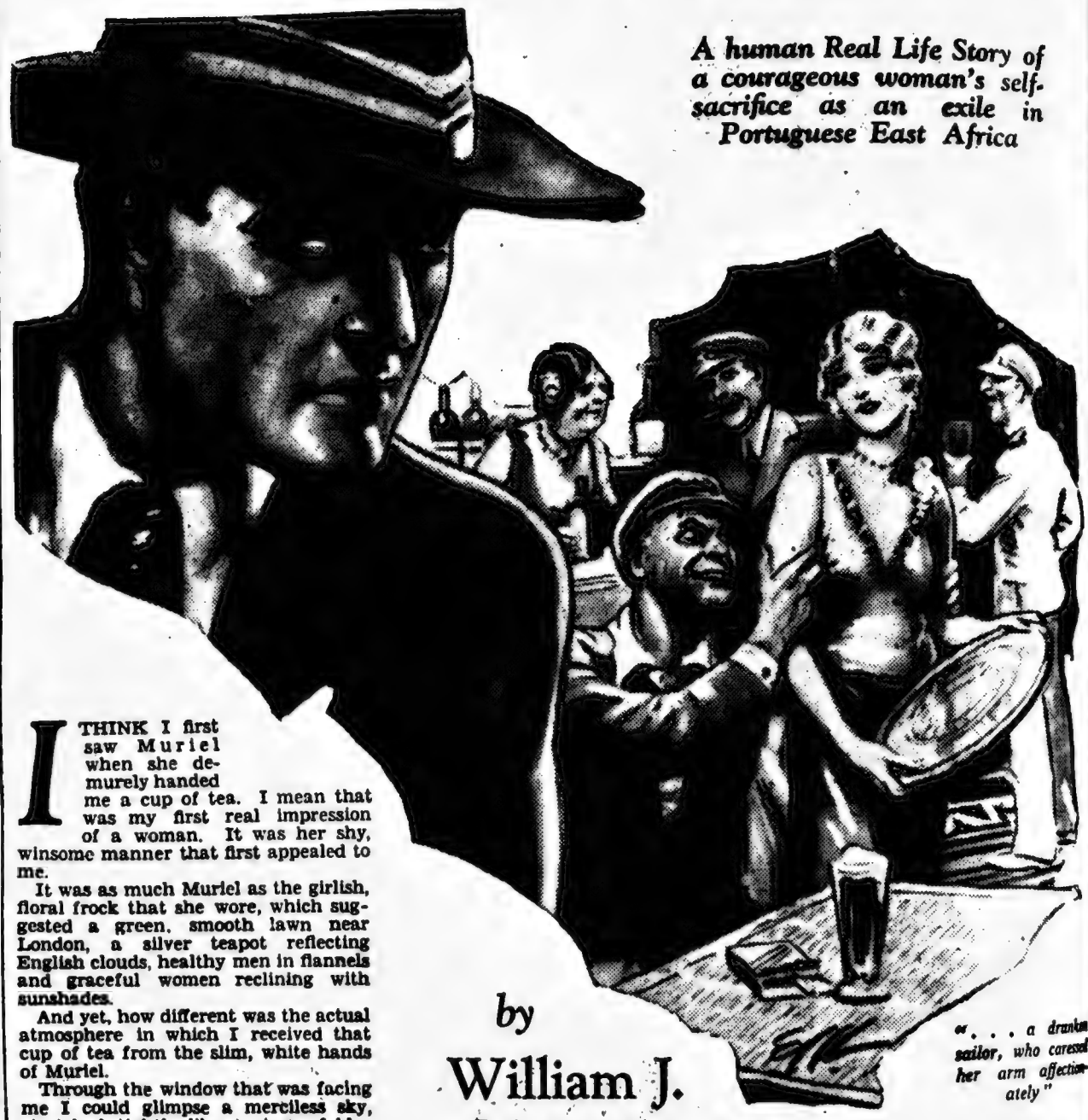

by

William J. MAKIN,

whose new book, "South of Suez," contains many anecdotes of the Prince of Wales' African adventures

". . . a drunken sailor, who caressed her arm affectionately"

I THINK I first saw Muriel when she demurely handed me a cup of tea. I mean that was my first real impression of a woman. It was her shy, winsome manner that first appealed to me.

It was as much Muriel as the girlish, floral frock that she wore, which suggested a green, smooth lawn near London, a silver teapot reflecting English clouds, healthy men in flannels and graceful women reclining with sunshades.

And yet, how different was the actual atmosphere in which I received that cup of tea from the slim, white hands of Muriel.

Through the window that was facing me I could glimpse a merciless sky, stretched tightly like a piece of blue silk in danger of tearing suddenly. Instead of soft, velvet greens there were the flaming hibiscus and the rich purples of bougainvillæa.

Those afternoons in Portuguese East Africa remain in the mind as flamboyant and garish as a coloured scarf left lying on an old oak table.

Muriel's husband watched her in a half-amused and half-affectionate manner as she walked toward me with the cup of tea.

HE made a little convulsive effort to rise from the couch where he lay, failed, and panted with a sigh back into that stretched immobility.

It was typical of the man. He had never completely resigned himself to the deadly arthritis that had stretched him a helpless cripple for the rest of his days.

Muriel went over to him, sat by his side, and affectionately stroked his head. A charming picture, I thought, but with depths of tragedy beneath the surface.

"It's queer, my dear fellow, that we should be drinking tea together in a place such as Lourenço Marques," said Muriel's husband with a laugh.

"If I remember rightly, our last cup of tea together was in an estaminet outside Arras, before you were gassed. I never imagined that we should meet again—and in Africa."

"It was pure chance that I heard you were here," I remarked, glancing through the mosquito-netted windows which seemed to be swelling in the hot tropical sunshine of the afternoon.

"The shipping-agent here mentioned your name, its familiarity struck me, I made enquiries—and here I am."

"And so you are going to England?" murmured Muriel.

I looked quickly at her. Sitting there, she displayed a delightful domestic charm. A pair of placid, blue eyes gazed shyly at me beneath a carefully brushed and carefully parted wealth of fair hair.

There was a certain wistfulness in that remark: "And so you are going to England?"

I had heard it from other exiles in Africa, and felt that my cheery nod was as brutal as a blow in the face to them.

"Yes," I said: "I sail to-morrow morning."

"Ah, well, England is no place for us these days, is it Muriel?"

Her head drooped.

"The doctors sent me out to this tropical climate as my only chance. An English winter would kill me. But we're happy here, eh, Muriel?"

She raised her head, and the sun piercing the mosquito-netting of the window seemed to glisten in her eyes.

"Yes, Denis," she said simply.

Raising himself with an effort, the crippled man regarded me with a smiling contentment.

"Happiness, my dear fellow, is to be found only in the companionship of a woman. There are clever fools who sneer at marriage because they have blundered into it with the wrong woman.

"Muriel and I were made for each other. She's the finest and truest wife a man could have. Get married, my dear fellow, and give up your meaningless wanderings."

I smiled in a rather superior fashion. There was something maudlin and sentimental about his remarks. Why are married people so eager to flaunt their happy domesticity in one's face?

"Don't be foolish, Denis," smiled Muriel, patting his head affectionately and then lighting a cigarette with her pretty hands for him.

Denis puffed happily at the cigarette for a moment or two, but was not to be denied.

"Muriel laughs," he continued, "but that is to hide her shyness. She has been an angel to me." His hand began

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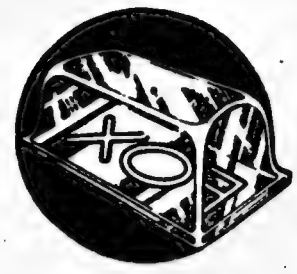

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Winner: Mr. H. Pollard, 72, Ifield Road, London, S.W.10.

"MURIEL" —*Continued from page 28*

to grope affectionately up the sleeve of her frock.

"Do you know, my dear fellow, that it is she who keeps me alive in this place, who works every evening to provide the food that I must have and the rent for this little bungalow."

"No, no, please, Denis," said Muriel, struggling to her feet. "It's not fair. I——"

She stopped, a frightened look in her eyes. Then, with equal suddenness she bent down and kissed him passionately. The next moment she had swept out of the room, and there were tears filling her eyes as she passed me.

The pale, thin face of the sick man turned to follow her. It was troubled for a moment, and then humour curled the mouth and a laugh broke out.

"A shy little wife. She's gone to have a cry. Bless her, she doesn't like me to speak of her virtues. And yet I'm so proud of her that I can't help myself. . . . Am I boring you?"

"On the contrary," I hastily assured him.

He settled himself on his back, snuggled closer beneath the rugs that covered his racked limbs, and stared reflectively at the ceiling.

"When we first arrived in Lourenço Marques nearly all our money had gone. The chances of finding work for myself were hopeless. I'm only good to lie, and think, and dream, to curse the war, and swear at my own useless limbs."

INTO his voice had crept a fierce bitterness.

"Those first few weeks here were desperate. Muriel went out into the town each day looking for work of some kind, and coming back again and again, disappointed. She knew no Portuguese, and was at the mercy of any damned dago who cared to insult her.

"But there are a few decent men in this god-forsaken port. Muriel met a Portuguese, an official, who wanted a private secretary for the evenings. It has turned out to be an excellent thing.

"She goes down there every evening and types documents for him, and the salary she earns keeps us alive and very happy. Now you understand why I call Muriel an angel."

I nodded my head, and a short silence followed. It was broken by the door opening and Muriel appearing, wearing a broad-brimmed hat and enveloped in a white dust-coat. If she had been weeping the eyes did not show it.

She went to the couch and bent over her husband.

"*Au revoir*, Denis," she said. "It's time for me to go to work. The 'boy' will bring your dinner at the usual hour. And don't lie awake reading."

She kissed him long and passionately. Then she turned to me and held out her hand.

"I shan't see you again before you sail. I hope you'll stay and talk with Denis a little longer. You see, you're a great occasion to him, for nobody visits us here. Will you?"

"Of course. I only wish I ——"

"No, to-morrow you sail. And in a month you will be in England. (Her voice seemed to break for a moment.) It must be good to see England again. I hope you have a very nice voyage."

"Thank you," I said, feeling miserably inadequate to the occasion.

With a farewell, affectionate smile to her husband, she walked out of the room. I caught a glimpse of the demurely domestic Muriel walking past the flamboyant bougainvillæa.

II.

A WANDERER in a strange port usually finds himself drifting into the sordid paradise that every port boasts. It was so in Lourenço Marques.

After bidding farewell to that crippled creature on the couch in a lonely bungalow, I had dined amidst the sepulchral splendour of the Polana Hotel, and left a jazz-band trying to

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rouse a few indolent and well-fed people to dance.

Together with the second officer of the steamer in which I was to sail on the morrow, I had wandered into the town below.

The lights of the port hugged the sea like a jewelled tiara in a woman's hair. A good cigar following a good dinner had made me feel pleasantly disposed towards the world.

It must have been an hour later when we found ourselves in the Rue Ajaciuo. "A street of merry little hells," the second officer had described it.

Anyone who is unfortunate enough to spend some time in Lourenço Marques knows the Rue Ajaciuo.

It is, at night, a dark, narrow, ill-paved street, with mysterious doorways, flinging shafts of light invitingly across the crazy cobbles.

These doorways lead into cosy little drinking-hells, whose allurements are remembered vividly by all "East Coasters" and the seamen of the Indian Ocean.

THERE are barmaids, too, sirens of the street, who laugh and jest and flirt outrageously with the strange scum of humanity that the Indian Ocean seems to wash into their lairs.

"I think we ought to have a drink with Sybil," said the second officer abruptly, as we plunged into the darkness of this narrow street.

"And who is Sybil?" I asked.

"A dark-haired American beauty. They say she killed a crook in Chicago, and that the police conveniently let her escape. Everybody who sails the East Coast knows Sybil. A real good sort. Here we are!

We plunged into one of the doorways, and found ourselves in an atmosphere of pink bows, pink-covered chairs, and an artificially pink-faced woman dispensing drinks to a couple of drunken sailors at a raised counter.

"This is Sybil," said the second officer, introducing the woman posed against a medley of international drinks in bottles.

Sybil smiled, and held out a much-bejewelled hand for me to shake. She helped the pink atmosphere of the room by appearing in a pretty, pink frock.

Then there was a laugh from behind a pink curtain at the end of the bar, and a fuzzy-haired blonde, dressed in a jade-green frock that shrieked against the pinks, appeared before us. I stood aghast. It was Muriel!

At the same moment she had caught sight of me. All the colour fled from her face, leaving the heavy rouge and the thick powder as unreal and artificial under that electric light as a painted doll's face.

I was looking at the mannequin of the woman I had met in the bungalow that afternoon.

She motioned me to the end of the bar, where we stood detached from the fumes of whisky and the cigarette-smoke.

"Well?" she whispered fiercely.

"I——, I——"

It was impossible for me to continue. It gave her time to remove that hard, brazen mask from her face.

WHEN I had the courage to look at her again I saw the demure, domestic Muriel behind the glaring paint and powder and the jade-green frock. Tears dappled the blackened eyelashes.

"Don't—don't tell him," she whispered. "He doesn't realise that this is the only kind of work I could find in a place like Lourenço Marques.

"I did try so hard to get a decent job. This is the only job a girl like me can do. And it keeps us both alive."

There was a fierce intensity in her voice. It was the hissing of something red-hot that glowed within her.

"If he learns that I'm a barmaid in this dreadful street it will kill all our happiness. He doesn't know . . . and never will know. He is so helpless and he needs me. Please promise that you'll never tell him."

"I should be a cad if I did," I murmured. "I shall never see your husband again."

"Thank you," she murmured simply. "And now take your drink and think of England where I should long to be again."

Mechanically I accepted the glass she thrust towards me. Through the pink curtains I caught a glimpse of a fat, sallow-faced Portuguese, chewing a cigar and eyeing us with narrowed, slit-like eyes.

"The boss," whispered Muriel, following my glance.

I raised my glass.

"To the finest woman in Africa," I murmured, and drank with Muriel's eyes smiling at me through her tears.

Then I turned to the door, and the second officer, hesitantly, followed me.

When I last saw Muriel she was handing a glass of beer to a drunken sailor, who caressed her arm affectionately.

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As the strike dragged on, our resources dwindled, and when my little daughter fell ill with pneumonia my resentment seethed.

I knew that "blackleg labour" was keeping our machinery just moving, and was receiving the money that would have kept my child from the shortage and unsuitable food that so sorely aggravated her condition.

The doctor gave every attention to the case, and said that, although a slight operation might be necessary, he hoped the child would pull through.

Resting on his promise and the knowledge that no one could do more in the way of skilled nursing than my wife, I continued to foregather with the strikers and to help the spread of wild Communistic doctrines.

There was a deadlock in the negotiations, and one night I myself made the suggestion of sabotage as a means of revenge. The boys were on to the idea like a shot.

We determined to wreck the electrical plant, and so prevent anyone from working when we would not.

Before we started we emboldened ourselves with drink, and but for this I verily believe that we should have had the sense to pause long enough to remember that the same plant that we were trying to ruin also supplied our homes with light.

However, we failed in our silly idea, though we managed to plunge the place into darkness before the police came up.

We escaped, and returned through the darkness, singing and shouting.

I was brought to a standstill by our doctor as I neared my own door.

HE broke the news that my child was dead, and added: "I still think I could have saved her, but just as I was about to relieve the choked condition the lights failed, and I had to stay my hand."

How I lived through the following days God only knows. My wife went about in a dry-eyed silence that was like a knife thrust in my heart, and as soon as the pitiful little body was laid out of sight she returned to her parents, and every inducement to persuade her to return has failed.

I left the village after selling up our stricken home. At length I secured a job not far from my wife's home, but whenever I meet her she says coldly: "I wish to have nothing more to do with you. I look upon you with abhorrence."

Is it any wonder that I often think of suicide as the one way out?

"HUMANIST" says: Like other criminal fools who do wild acts in the name of liberty your repentance comes late.

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"I love them"
—Irene

"I WANT to try and keep my children," said Irene's father. "It gives me more heart to go out with the barrow." "I really love them," he added simply.

His six children need all the love and care he can give them, as his wife has deserted the family. She walked out of the house one afternoon recently, and has not returned.

When the children realised that their mother had gone, they turned to their father, beseeching, "Daddy, you won't leave us?" "Why should I?" was his reply.

The two eldest girls—Irene, aged nine, and her sister, getting on for thirteen—sleep at night with his sister, and a little boy, aged seven, is cared for by another aunt.

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few days I have learned without doubt that my worthless husband is dead.

On the heels of this discovery, I learn that my "husband" is heir to a very considerable entailed property, a thing he never mentioned until after his accident.

My position now is nearly more than I can bear, for if I confess that I am not married, but am now free to marry, I know my husband will go through another ceremony for the sake of my child, but is bound to regard me afterwards with distrust and loathing.

But if I do not confess I am voluntarily disinheriting my unborn child.

"HUMANIST" says: Whatever the pain to yourself, you must confess to your husband and set this matter right. It can be done quietly at a register-office far from your home.

Love excuses many things, and I hope that your husband, in this case, will take this view.

CRIPPLED JOCKEY

has "heavy going"

I BEGAN my life as a stable-boy in some celebrated stables with ambitions to develop the career of a steeple-chase jockey. In this I was successful, and rode in several races with high hopes of becoming notable in my chosen job—until the war came.

I was, I suppose, luckier than many. I escaped with my life, though terribly injured, and with a life pension of 11s. weekly.

There was, of course, no hope of returning to the stables, and I had to seek other employment.

The trouble is that year by year my health has steadily deteriorated, until now I am completely invalided.

I am told that I cannot get any more pension, as what I really need is hospital treatment. This I would accept but for one thing.

I am alone in the world, but for my dear old mother. She is eighty-two, and has been bedridden for thirty-eight years.

Her one dread is being taken out of the old cottage where she has lived as wife and widow for over sixty-three years.

This I have vowed shall never happen while I live and can drag a limb across the floor. I nurse her, feed her, and keep the house clean.

But here is my problem. To get my mother what she needs I have positively to starve myself, and I wonder how long I can keep up my deception.

YET because I am known to be "interested in racing" and it has leaked out that I even had "personal connection with the Turf," the unguid in this village carefully refrain from giving me the little jobs I could do to earn a few extra shillings, and will not recommend mother for any relief.

Is there any way in which I can overcome this prejudice, for mother's old-age pension and my odd shillings are not enough, when rent is paid, to keep body and soul together.

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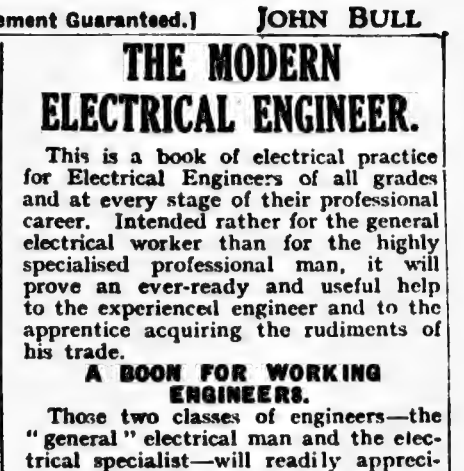

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What's Wrong with My House?

My Tip for PROSPERITY

TO attempt to ensure permanent prosperity for one country without the full co-operation of the other principal countries would be futile.

The ultimate solution will be a flexible international arrangement, throwing the world's markets open to all.

The fallacy that high import tariffs spell prosperity is disproved by America's position in the unemployment list.

Raising the standard of living will also contribute considerably. The working man is the greatest purchaser of this world's goods, and if his weekly stipend is increased, the obvious result will be increased output of numberless commodities.—*J. Poole, Worcs.*

The Little Extra

"Increase your output" is the slogan for prosperity. "There's a good time coming," but we have got to pull together and work harder to make the words of the popular song a glorious reality.

Let us put a little extra into our daily jobs. Work creates work, increases spending power, and decreases unemployment.—*William J. Williams, Suffolk.*

Ability Curbed

Encourage the small trader and manufacturer by providing him with cheap loans, so that when it is proved that a man has ability and initiative, his capacity may not be curbed by lack of capital.

The extension of these businesses means the employment of more labour, and consequently a saving of the "dole," which would offset any loss due to the low rate of interest on loans granted by the Government.—*A. D. A., Ayr.*

A Proclamation

Let the Government proclaim a state of emergency throughout the country.

Let it take control of railways and all other forms of transport; take over the large tracts of disused land in Yorkshire, Devonshire and elsewhere, and cultivate it by conscripting large numbers of the unemployed; nationalise any other industries as may be found necessary.

All this would eventually increase home-production, the money expended proving a sound investment.—*R. W. Tuck, Sutton.*

Robots

Prosperity will come only when the workers are given the opportunity to show that they are intelligent men and not just machines.

Industry needs the enthusiasm of the workers now more than ever before.

Under present conditions they are nothing but robots, paid to do a certain job day after day, uncertain how soon they will be on the "dole," and sure of being thrown on the scrap-heap in their old age.—*J. Routledge, Birmingham.*

Do Something

"The Lord helps him who helps himself," and a man who sits tight whilst the unemployment problem remains is a fool to himself and a nuisance to his country.

Join the Army or Navy; if middle-aged, shovel coals, carry parcels, sell firewood, tell the wife to bake bread to sell, or do anything that has a small start, but big prospects.

"The Great Penny Mystery"—how many great men in this world commenced a great career with a penny? Countless.

Yet men seem to think that, because they have only a bob, they are broke. Bosh!—*Sheddy, Yorks.*

Enemies

This present economising business is all wrong. Do away with it.

Economy is being preached and practised by the very people who have least cause to do so, and who, by living more generously, hoarding less and launching out more, could do much to alleviate our industrial troubles.

Parsimony and frugality are enemies to trade. Lamentations and howls of despair will not help us along. Let us all, within reason, spend what we can.—*A. H., Birmingham.*

Wake Up!

Buy British where it is possible. Too long have we been helping the foreigner by purchasing his inferior goods.

Our own industries have been going down hill, and our men on the "dole," just because we, as consumers, are not giving them support.

The time has come to pinch ourselves into wakefulness, and, by buying only British commodities, encourage our farmers to cultivate, our manufacturers to produce, and our merchants to sell.—*T. McC., Belfast.*

The Clutching Hand

The deadlock in industrial prosperity is, in a very great measure, the result of the stranglehold that bankers have upon commerce.

Peruse the banks' balance-sheets, and you will be astounded by the good profits made and big dividends paid.

I am against subsidies, but I strongly advocate that bankers should be compelled to render better financial aid, on less crippling terms, and thereby assist traders to compete again for prosperity and contentment.—*H. T., Manchester.*

First Three

The race for the Prosperity Stakes run the sooner the better, is the blue riband of industry and commerce.

The value of the many prizes is well-nigh incalculable. A few of them are regular work and good wages for all able and willing, leisure, recreation, and manly independence. To him who cannot work, justice and mercy.

My tip is: (1) Co-operation and Courage (dead-heat); (2) Production for Use; (3) War-Debt Revision.

Public Control, Drones Out and Hard Work (close up). Also ran: Cut-Throat Competition, Low Wage, Dole, Obsolete and Party Politics. Bolshie left at the post.—*F. Pritchard, Drybrook.*

Forgotten Word

Obtain first-hand information of progressive ideas and work from other countries, and adopt suitable ones for our own.

Mobilise the unemployed, pay them a living wage from the Treasury, and—with up-to-date machines and machinery—let them attack the land, the slums, the mines and everything that is detrimental to the welfare of modern living conditions.

Open up trade with Russia and other countries, and establish commercial air-routes. Forget the word "War" and think "Peace."—*J. K., Hanley.*

Reclaim!

The possibilities of national prosperity that lie in the old slogan, "Back to the land," are generally overlooked or discredited.

The problem of opening up our huge tracts of waste territory and placing them under cultivation must be supplied and backed by a sane and responsible Government.

Reclaim the wastes. Make them productive. Absorb our millions of unemployed in the enterprise, and make them happy workers. Subsidise the movement where necessary.—*S., Suffolk.*

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Sack the Government and put in its place a number of prominent business men and have the country run on business lines.—*P. Freeman, Tewkesbury.*

Prosperity will only come when facing facts, we overhaul the machinery of industry, relax irrational restrictions of labour, and really put our shoulder to Fortune's wheel.—*D. M., Whetstone.*

War debts are the root-cause of the trouble. Cancel them all, and with stabilised currencies prosperity will return.—*Joseph Miller, Sheffield.*

A League Lead from Our Expert

Football Forecasts for February 7

FIRST DIVISION.

(1) LIVERPOOL v. Newcastle.
(2) BIRMINGHAM v. Blackburn.
(3) Bolton v. WEDNESDAY.
(4) DERBY v. Portsmouth.
(5) HUDDERSFIELD v. Villa.
*(6) LEICESTER v. Blackpool.
(7) MANCHESTER U. v. Manchester C.
(8) Middlesbrough v. CHELSEA.
(9) SHEFFIELD U. v. Arsenal.
(10) SUNDERLAND v. Leeds.
**(11) WEST HAM v. Grimsby.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) PORT VALE v. Plymouth.
(2) BARNSLEY v. Cardiff.
(3) BRADFORD C. v. Bury.
*(4) BURNLEY v. Stoke.
(5) Charlton v. EVERTON.
(6) NOTTS FOREST v. Bristol C.
**(7) PRESTON v. Millwall.
(8) READING v. Wolverhampton.
(9) Southampton v. Bradford.
*(10) HOTSPUR v. Oldham.
(11) W.B. ALBION v. Swansea.

THIRD DIVISION (Southern).

(1) FULHAM v. Q.P. Rangers.
*(2) WATFORD v. Orient.
*(3) BOSCOMBE v. Thames.
(4) BRIGHTON v. Brentford.
(5) Bristol R. v. NOTTS COUNTY.
(6) COVENTRY v. Walsall.
(7) EXETER v. Palace.
(8) Gillingham v. Southend.
(9) NEWPORT v. Luton.
*(10) SWINDON v. Norwich.
(11) Torquay v. Northampton.

THIRD DIVISION (Northern).

(1) CREWE v. Carlisle.
(2) ACCRINGTON v. Rotherham.
(3) Barrow v. LINCOLN.
(4) DONCASTER v. Wigan.
**(5) GATESHEAD v. Nelson.
(6) Hull v. Hartlepools.
(7) New Brighton v. Halifax.
(8) ROCHDALE v. York.
(9) SOUTHPORT v. Chesterfield.
**(10) STOCKPORT v. Darlington.
(11) Wrexham v. Tranmere.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(1) East Fife v. ST. MIRREN.
(2) ABERDEEN v. Ayr.
(3) Clyde v. MOTHERWELL.
(4) FALKIRK v. Dundee.
(5) HAMILTON v. Partick.
(6) HIBS. v. Cowdenbeath.
(7) KILMARNOCK v. Leith.
(8) Morton v. Celtic.
(9) QUEEN'S PARK v. Hearts.
**(10) RANGERS v. Airdrie.

Probable winners are set in CAPITALS. Where no distinction is made a draw is likely. Best selections are marked with two asterisks and next best with one.

WINNERS IN CODE

As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs, we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL special selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning.

Division and number will be quoted as above, together with *H* for home team and *A* for away team.

Example Code: Div. I.—1(H); Div. II.—3(A), 7(H); Southern Section—3(H); Northern Section—5(H), 10(H) would indicate West Ham, Everton, Preston, Boscombe, Gateshead and Stockport.

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Read these Rules and Conditions carefully. **Don't run the risk of being late—fill in and post your coupons early.**

1. Fill in puzzle opposite **IN ORDINARY INK**, not copying ink or copying-ink pencil, sign your name and write your address in **BLOCK CAPITALS**. Cut out coupon, place it with a Postal Order value sixpence in an envelope bearing a **three-halfpenny** stamp and post to "**John Bull**" Crosswords (**No. 101**), **37, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)**, so as to reach us not later than noon on Thursday, **February 12th.**

Entry MUST be sent by post.

2. Postal Orders must be made payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and crossed —/& Co. /— and the date of sending the order, complete with the name and address of competitor, must be written on the back. The number of the Postal Order must be written in the space provided in the Entry Form. Stamps cannot in any circumstances be accepted.

3. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for any coupon lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery, and no correspondence will be entered into.

4. In the event of a tie the £600 prize will be divided between those competitors whose coupons are correct or contain fewest errors, but no competitor shall receive more than one share. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which incorrectly answer the clues given.

5. Mutilated or altered Entry Forms will be disqualified. Solutions must be complete and filled in on Entry Forms provided.

6. **No competitor may send in more than the two solutions "A" and "B" provided for on the Entry Forms.**

7. The correct solution of the puzzle is known only to the Editor and will be kept under seal until all entries have been received.

8. The result of this competition will be published in the issue of "John Bull" on sale **Thursday, February 26th.** Any competitor who claims to have sent in a solution which is identical with the published solution or contains as few errors as the competitor announced as the **£600** prize-winner may have a scrutiny by demanding the same by or before first post **Tuesday, March 3rd,** after which date the prize-money will be despatched and no claim will be considered.

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11. Entries for this Competition must not be enclosed with "Bullets" entries or other correspondence addressed to "John Bull."

12. The Editor's decision is final and legally binding in all matters relating to this competition, and acceptance of this condition is an express condition of entry.

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'JOHN BULL' CROSSWORD No. 101

Entry Form "A."

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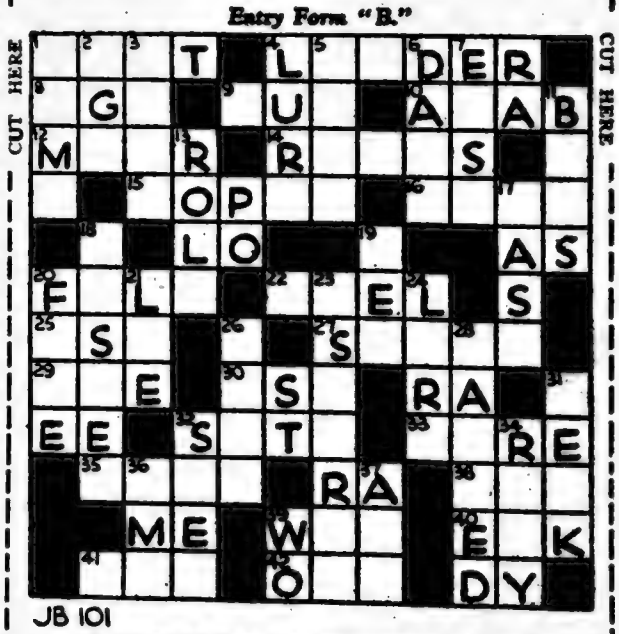

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SIGNED.....

ADDRESS .....

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Closing Date, Thursday (noon), February 12th.

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N.B.—Cut out the above Form complete.

Clues Across.

1. OPPOSITE TO "RIGHT."
4. THIS TEMPTS SONNY INTO MISCHIEF.
8. TIME PAST.
9. USUALLY HAS ITS SAUCER.
10. STREET URCHIN.
12. TIE UP A BOAT.
14. TRAMP HAS MANY.
15. DISSIPATED PERSON DOES THIS.
16. THESE ARE SLIPPERY FISH.
20. DRUNKARD often has.
22. THERE'S FIRING HERE.
25. EMPLOY.
27. SUDDEN KNOCK MAKES YOU DO THIS.
29. FEMININE PRONOUN.
30. RESIDUE OF A FIRE.
32. GROUND AWAITING THE BUILDER.
33. DREADFUL.
35. PROPHET.
38. THE OCEAN.
39. MARRIED.
40. LARGEST SPECIES OF DEER.
41. SMOKE SOMETIMES OBSCURES THIS.
42. NOT EVEN.

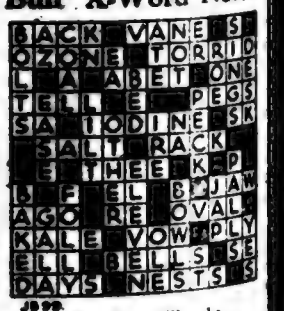
Clues Down.

1. SHEPHERD SOMETIMES CARRIES.
2. SELF.
3. HUBBY'S ALWAYS PUTTING IT DOWN.
4. ENTICE.
5. BIG MONKEYS.
6. CALENDAR DENOTES THIS.
7. IRISH LANGUAGE.
11. FAMILIAR TO SEA FISHERMEN.
13. FANCY BREAD.
17. SHOEMAKER SHOULD STICK TO.
18. COOK DOES TO POTATOES.
19. OFTEN FOUND ON LADY'S DRESS.
20. MELT BY HEAT.
21. WATERMAN'S TERM FOR SHELTRE.
23. CONDUCTED.
24. REFINED PIG'S FAT.
26. PARTED AFTER A BRUSH.
28. ELEVATED.
31. POINTED OBJECT.
32. OBSERVED.
34. DEPEND.
36. AUSTRALIAN BIRD.
37. TOTAL UP.

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary (latest edition) used in compiling this puzzle.

Winners in X-Word No. 98 appear on Page 46.

Solution of "John Bull" X-Word No. 99



JB 99

Result will be published next week.

The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 99 is given herewith as a matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED THIS X-WORD, TRY YOUR SKILL IN THE "DAILY HERALD" X-WORD NEXT SATURDAY—£600 MUST BE WON

Next Week's X-Word **NOVELTY** **BIG 'ALL-GUINEAS' OFFER!**

R. N. (Portsmouth).—"My boy is a trouser finisher." So are most other boys.

DOCTOR (Grimsby).—"Strong minds suffer without complaining." Weak ones complain without suffering.

Miss J. (Belfast).—"I am told that Lake Killarney is shortly to be sold cheap." For a mere song?

TOM (Paisley).—"His bride was in a sort of blue silk." And he was in a sort of blue funk.

H. B. (Clacton).—"Can you tell me how much the enclosed article is worth." No, only how little.

T. R. (Baldock).—"I am never happier than when at a circus." You feel at home amongst the clowns?

T. G. (London, W.).—"I witnessed an accident on the Underground the other day." Did everybody get a seat?

MOTORIST (Hackney).—"I blame the one-way traffic system for much of the road congestion." The route of the trouble.

CADDIE (St. Andrews).—"All of us here are becoming more and more morose." Possibly it is the monotony of your daily round.

Q. E. D. (Coventry).—"Before my car turned turtle I was not doing one mile per hour." Presumably your car turned tortoise, first.

Mrs. S. (Cromer).—"It takes me weeks to find a frock to match my hair." Surely it would be quicker to get your hair to match your frock.

P. F. (Bude).—"I know what I am talking about." That's where you have the advantage over us.

H. R. (Clapton).—"I am told that there is a school for pickpockets." Yes, that's where they get their hands in.

P. M. (Newcastle).—"It is reported that during a public meeting a politician collapsed owing to brain trouble." The report is false on the face of it.

R. A. F. (Hendon).—"He posed as a famous airman, but it turned out that he had never been in a machine." His were just flights of fancy?

P. D. (Letchworth).—"I sit down and think for half an hour every day after dinner." Beware of a nervous breakdown.

E. C. (Tewkesbury).—"Many M.P.s are carried away by their eloquence." Unfortunately, they always come back to us again.

T. B. (Camberwell).—"When a man proposes he throws himself at his adored one's feet." Which is probably why she makes a doormat of him for the rest of his life.

T. P. (London, E.).—"I feel I shall do something desperate if you turn down this poem." Now, don't go and throw *yourself* in the waste-paper basket.

Write to "John Bull" About It!

THE Editor REPLIES

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service, who will deal with any matter causing anxiety to our readers. Simply send a stamped, addressed envelope with your query.

H. T. (Epsom).—"Women jockeys in Germany have formed a trade union." Now they will ride the high horse.

P. M. (Dover).—"Englishmen do not wear much jewellery." Burglars, especially, have a horror of bracelets.

Miss P. (Liverpool).—"To make her husband divorce her, an American actress told his private history to a newspaper." Bringing matters to a headline!

M. M. (Tooting).—"Parliament has met again. Now we shall see some fireworks." More likely damp squibs.

F. H. (Preston).—"My old grandfather has music in his bones——" Is he crochety and quavery?

L. C. (Orpington).—"My lawyer was wonderful! What should I have done without him?" About seven years.

G. W. (Birmingham).—"Many women follow the fashions closely." But they don't quite catch up.

"SEARCHING" (Balham).—"What is the greatest thing in the world?" Every American movie.

CLERK (Molesey).—"My wife seems to be wrapped up in herself lately." Most wives want fur coats.

S. K. (Edgware).—"I've joined a small debating society." Do you mean you've got married?

A. L. (Goole).—"It's no good crying over spilt milk." There's probably water in it already.

D. K. (Edmonton).—"I'll try to collect my thoughts." That shouldn't take long.

L. M. (Stowe).—"She called me an insect." Couldn't you think of a stinging reply?

D. K. (Dunedin).—"Abuse won't further any cause." Mud thrown means ground lost.

JACK (London).—"I am at a loss to understand why people invest in bucket-shops." The people who do invest are often at a greater one.

F. K. (Hounslow).—"I have neuritis so badly that I cannot lift up my arm." No use, then, for you to travel on the Tube.

T. F. (Plymouth).—"A well-known playwright declares that he is quite unable to write with a fountain-pen." But this doesn't help matters at all; he can still use an ordinary pen.

H. D. (Nuneaton).—"The great drawback in singing into the microphone is that one misses the audience." But the advantage is that the audience can't hit you.

B. S. C. (Leith).—"Scotsmen aren't really mean; it's only a joke." We laughed at that one, too.

J. C. B. (Cupar).—"All the ugly things in life should be hidden." Most of them are screened, anyway.

T. S. (Wolverhampton).—"I now sit next to the cashier." Good! Now you're on the safe side.

J. M. (Aberdeen).—"I have nothing but sympathy for the poor." We believe you.

N. A. (Hereford).—"He refused to tell me what he had paid for his car." Perhaps he hadn't.

J. M'P. (Kilmarnock).—"Should I buy a gramophone or a wireless set?" No you shouldn't!

C. H. (Barry).—"Directly my eyes close I am asleep." What a heavyweight boxer you would make.

T. P. (Wivenhoe).—"I can't think of any suitable names for my new twins." No doubt the neighbours can.

H. O. (Dartford).—"Our stair carpet has worn out astonishingly quickly. What do you advise?" Buy a bungalow.

P. S. (Knaresborough).—"Four hundred seems a lot of pay for an M.P." But think of the promissory notes they have signed.

R. S. (Glasgow).—"A barrel of beer was found by workmen while they were destroying an old cellar." It will never be found again.

G. G. F. (Doncaster).—"I'm a firm believer in disarmament to bring peace." And so are we, except on the *Bullets* page. Let that 1,000-pounder you'll see there bring peace and contentment for you.

S. K. (Rochester).—"A scientist says that fogs can be dispersed with gusts of hot air." We doubt it. There are often fogs round Westminster.

S. K. (Yeovil).—"An American physical culture expert never eats food from a table." For breakfast he simply has a roll on the floor.

C. P. (Singapore).—"What's been going on in the House of Commons recently?" Just cotton yarns and coal gas.

L. M. (Plymouth).—"A Frenchman was taken from prison to be married and then went back to prison." Double sentences of such a severity are very rare.

F. K. (King's Cross).—"I know a man who has had forty years' service on a railway bookstall." He can probably remember the days when bookstalls weren't yellow with Edgar Wallaces.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)

SIDE-*Slips*

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. In the event of the same "Slip" being sent by more than one reader, the award is paid to sender of the first letter opened. Mark envelopes "Slips."

SURREY TIMES: — "He pushed a car UNDER THE DOOR of the garage, which was closed."

WESTERN EVENING HERALD:—"Three-roomed flat, suit young couple getting married, or ADULTS."

CEYLON MORNING LEADER:—"Youths' wrist watches—best nickel silver wristlet with reliable LIVER movements."

BRISTOL EVENING TIMES AND ECHO:—"The ant-lion drains the substance of its prey through channels in its mandibles, which suggest some likeness to the poison fang of a SERVANT."

YORKSHIRE OBSERVER:—"When last seen she was wearing an old hat and a PLUM-COVERED overcoat."

BIRMINGHAM EVENING DESPATCH:—"He is the owner of two yachts, and should occasion demand it, can perform all the duties of the SCREW."

HALSTEAD AND COLNE VALLEY GAZETTE:—"She enacted her part with a high degree of naturalness, full of charm and power, and free from AFFECTION."

DAILY EXPRESS:—"At six o'clock a CAR drove up to the yard of a haulage contractor and ASKED FOR four gallons of petrol."

EVENING ADVERTISER (Swindon):—"To-day Mr. and Mrs. —— celebrated their GOLDEN WEDDING, and in addition it is Mrs. ——'s 21ST BIRTHDAY."

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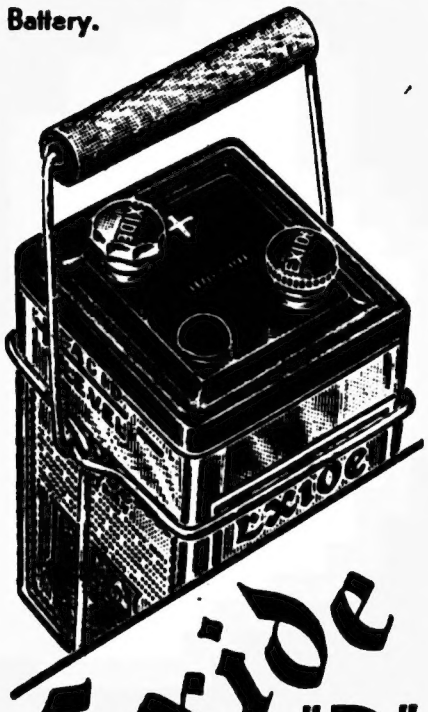

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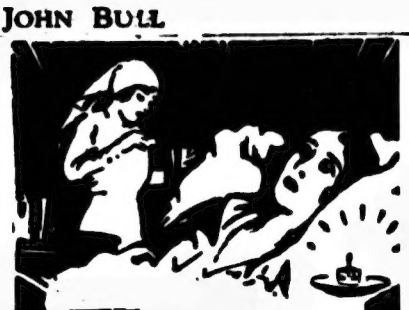

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RECORD ONE-WEEK OFFER

Second Prize £100 | 10 PRIZES OF £5, 25 PRIZES OF £1, 500 PRIZES OF 7/6 | ENTER BY SAT. FEB. 14 | 10 PRIZES OF £2.10, 50 PRIZES OF 10/-, 8,000 'TANGLE' PRIZES | Third Prize £50

FIRE AWAY AND CAPTURE £1,000!

IN all the eighteen years of *Bullets* no one-week offer has ever equalled the prize-list which is before you to-day. Simply by writing a few well-chosen words on one of the coupons on this page, you may soon be the happy winner to walk off with JOHN BULL'S "Thousand-pounder"!

As well as this four-figure fortune for a phrase, there are hundreds of other cash prizes waiting to be won, including £100, £50, and further substantial sums.

This is the way to win. Simply add any TWO, THREE or FOUR WORDS of apt and original comment to one of the *Examples* on this page and a *Bullet* is completed. For instance, suppose you choose the *Example* OUR TRAVELLER PRINCE, the added words HELPING TRADE TO "SMILE" would complete a typical *Bullet*.

The winning efforts below will show you the way to the prize-list, but you cannot be amongst the winners unless your entry is received by Saturday, February 14.

£1,187 10s. CASH AWARDED THIS WEEK

FIRST PRIZE OF £910, COMPETITION No. 788:

Mrs. J. Broom, Douglas Cottage, Crosshouse, Kilmarnock.
Example:—A SICK MAN
Bullet:—"NURSED" BUSINESS TOO WELL.

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

Mr. A. Nankervis, 173, Worsley Road, Rotherham.
Example:—Dust And Dirt
Bullet:—And Jam, Baby's "Cosmetics."

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. R. C. Bye, 92, Casewick Road, West Norwood, S.E.
Example:—Head Of The Firm
Bullet:—"Guide" Fearing Taxation's "Avalanche."

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

A. R. COGAN, 317, Tantallon Road, Glasgow.
A Sick Man—Sandy, If Brandy Handy.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)
S. M. COLLINS, 2, Eversley Road, Didsbury.
Bad Salesman — Unless He's *Shopper's* Assistant.
H. T. HARRIS, Maesmafon Cottages, Nelson, Glam.
Throwing Up The Sponge—Wasn't The "Wipers" Way.
T. JOHNSTON, 1, Bentfield, Burntisland.
Dust And Dirt—"Settlers"—Soon Raise "Colonies."
Mrs. P. KIRK, 112, Dovecot Street, Stockton-on-Tees.
Half-heartedly—"No!" Gives Him Heart.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)
C. L. MORTON, The Oaks, Great Bentley.
Not Much That Not's My Fault.
A. P. ROBINSON, West View, Sock Lane, Barrow-on-Humber.
Bad Salesman—Didn't "Buy" Customer's Joke.
W. SMITH, 19, Sussex Terrace, Burgess Hill.
After The Motorist — Undertaker Values Germs Next.

A. STEVENSON, 9, Bambec Road, Highbury, another Government — Session — Another Liberal Concession.
A. TODD, 216, Kilburn Lane, London, W.
Head Of The Firm—Chair Revolves—Ideas Fixed.

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:

P. E. BRAY, Bryncethin, Bridgend, Glam.
Half-heartedly — Planting Bulbs — Puppy Watching.
Miss M. GIBSON, 30, Riccarton Street, Glasgow.
Lost In The Rush—Sonny—But There First!
Mrs. G. JACKSON, 35, Meadow View, Kilnhurst.
Dust And Dirt—Sometimes "Dearer" Than Radium.
(Entered on "Target" Prize Coupon.)
Mrs. M. LUCY, 48, Clifton Park Road, Bristol.
Throwing Up The Sponge—Probably Explains Government's "Cramp."
J. McINDOE, 12, Teesdale Terrace, Thornaby-on-Tees.
Bad Salesman—Prince Reproves In *Spanish*.
Mrs. J. A. McINTYRE, 28, Pulepark Road, Dundee, Angus.
Bad Salesman—"Opens Case" With "Unfortunately—"
E. J. MOUNT, 114, Marlboro Road, Bowes Park, N.
Another Government—Contemplated—Present Always Contemplating.
W. J. NETTING, 5, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh, Essex.
Girl I Hate—Loves Men *For* Distraction.
L. REDD, 31, Philadelphia Lane, Norwich.
Throwing Up The Sponge—That Began Jugler's Career.
D. M. SPENCE, 60, Campbell Street, Riccarton, Kilmarnock.
Girl I Hate—Flattens Pedestrians—Can't Iron.

A list of 70 10s. and 500 5s. 6d. winners can be seen at these offices.

ALL PRIZES HAVE BEEN POSTED.

Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 788 appear on page 38.

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press and their families are not eligible to compete.

Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 792

OUR TRAVELLER PRINCE	KICKING AGAINST FACTS	SURPRISE FOR THE MOTORIST
DOOR TO PROSPERITY	SLEEPING ON	FEELING INSULTED
RAMSAY AND BALDWIN	CARRIED TOO FAR	A FINE THING
POTTERING ABOUT	SWELLING	PUTTING HIS FOOT IN IT
INNOCENTLY	WIFE'S SERMON	SOMETHING TO GROUSE ABOUT
FAR AWAY	SLOWLY RECOVERING	SELDOM APPRECIATED
SPEEDING THE PLOUGH	ALL ALONG	RUNNING INTO DEBT
STEADY CHAP	HOMELY WISDOM	WHEN ATTACKED
TO PLEASE HER	WANT	ACHES AND PAINS
WITH AN IRON HAND	MAN IN THE LIMELIGHT	HE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT
PRAISE	CALLING IN VAIN	

Example _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 14
Bullet _____

Example _____
Bullet _____

(792) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 14
Bullet _____

Example _____
Bullet _____

(792) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed _____
Address _____

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 14
Bullet _____

Example _____
Bullet _____

(792) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing SAT. Feb. 14
Bullet _____

Example _____
Bullet _____

(792) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed _____
Address _____

If you wish to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

Address Coupons: "Bullets" No. 792, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)

Have you seen the 1931 *Bullets Bulletin*? Our free weekly help for would-be winners, now brighter and better than ever, can be yours every Thursday. Penny postcard brings specimen copy. Better still, make sure of the next twelve issues by sending crossed P.O. 6d. (to cover postage) made payable to JOHN BULL. Address: "Bulletin" Department, Odhams Press Ltd., 10, Short's Gardens, London, W.C.2.

SPECIAL NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £6, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the newsagents from whom the winners of the three chief prizes in Competition No. 792 recently purchased "John Bull."

NEXT WEEK ONLY! BIG 'BULLETS' BONUS OFFER!

£650 and FINAL HAMPERS WON

in "John Bull's" Crossword Competition No. 98.

The only correct solution in the above contest was received from :—

VICTOR R. DUNN, 31, Leighton Street, Glasgow.

to whom, subject to the conditions of the Competition, a cheque for £600 will be despatched.

Solutions containing one error only were received from the following ten competitors, who share the Second Prize of £50, each receiving £5 :—

Miss F. Allen, 14, Princess Street, Nelson, Lancs.
Mrs. A. Bragg, 51, Eden Terrace, Oxhill, Stanley, Co. Durham.
Mrs. G. Brammer, 207, Bond Street, Macclesfield.
J. Emery, 15, Weston Street, Leek, Staffs.
A. Forrester, 33, Arragon Road, Twickenham, Middlesex.
R. W. Joyce, 5, Grosvenor Square, Rathmines, Dublin.
Mrs. M. Lett, 13, Baron Street, Rochdale.
Mrs. Macdonald, 26, Bampton Street, Minehead, Somerset.
Mrs. E. M. Pickett, "Lyndale," Leicester Road, Groby, Leicester.
F. G. Stephens, 28, Velindre Place, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

In addition to the above cash awards, the winner of the £600 and each of the ten winners who share £50 will receive an extra award of a "John Bull" Hamper.

Try your skill NOW in the "John Bull" X-word appearing on page 26. £600 must be won and £150 for runners-up.

Two 'ASPRO' tablets dissolved in four tablespoonfuls of water make a very excellent gargle for sore throat, tonsilitis, and act as a deterrent. The reason why 'ASPRO' has such quick action in banishing influenza and cold attacks is, first, because it is an Antipyretic or Fever Destroyer; secondly, when ingested in the system it is a powerful internal Antiseptic and Germicide. So 'ASPRO' represents two powerful methods of attack to complaints of this nature.

Wipe colds, 'flu and rheumatism off the slate. You can do it positively with 'ASPRO.' This time do not WAIT until you HAVE to lie up. TAKE 'ASPRO' AND NIP IT IN THE BUD. The discomfiture—time and money saved by this practical little action is amazing. It is deeds that count—not promises—so TRY 'ASPRO' NOW. You will also find 'ASPRO' helpful to every member of the household, for, besides banishing colds, 'flu and rheumatism, it will bring sweet sleep to the sleepless, and stop headaches almost immediately. For the IRRITABLE and NERVY, 'ASPRO' is a provident gift. It soothes as nothing else can.

HERE IS LIVING PROOF

FOOTBALLER'S BAD COLD GOES IN TIME FOR MATCH

48, Edward Terrace, Mill Street, Deal, Kent.

Dear Sirs,

On Saturday last whilst playing football I caught a very bad cold, and on Wednesday was to be playing again, but on Tuesday when I came home from work I was a complete wreck and thought it impossible to play the following day, and was very disappointed because it was a cup-tie, so I got my mother to fetch me a box of 'ASPRO' and took two tablets with a warm drink before going to bed. The next morning I got up and felt a new man, and thanks to 'ASPRO' I took the field in the afternoon as fit as anyone, and in the future shall never be without a box of 'ASPRO.' They easily put aspirins or any other tablet in the shade, and without doubt I shall recommend them to all my friends.

I am, Yours faithfully,
R. THACKER.

RHEUMATIC RELIEF A REMARKABLE CASE

134, Park Lane, Tottenham, N.17.

Gentlemen,

For some long time now my wife has had rheumatism in hands and feet very severely, almost lost the use of her hands. Tried three or four of the well advertised remedies, but useless. About a month ago I induced her to try 'ASPRO' (I am a firm believer in 'ASPRO' myself). She took six in the first day. Next morning the swelling in the joints had gone down considerably and the pain was much easier. Now after about four weeks she is wonderfully well, swellings almost gone, pain ditto, only a slight tenderness remains, even does some washing, a thing she hasn't done for a long time past. Everybody about here who knows her says it is wonderful. She still takes about two a day. Yours faithfully,

E. J. SHALGROSS.

"WONDERFUL" SAYS NURSE

Melbourne, Nr. Derby.

Dear Sirs,

I have recommended 'ASPRO' to various patients I have nursed, and all those who have tried it have absolutely N.C. by them. I usually have a box by me for emergency cases which I find most useful indeed.

Yours faithfully,
(Nurse) C. ——

'FLU OUTED IN ONE NIGHT

19, Wilton Street, Chorlton-cum-Hardlock, Manchester.

Gentlemen,

I was lying in bed this week ABSOLUTELY HELPLESS WITH THE 'FLU, as people who know me can well prove, and I have to go out in all sorts of weather to eke out a living. I sent my wife for a 6d. packet of 'ASPRO.' I took two tablets, got a good night's rest and was out next day pulling a handcart all over Manchester.

I think they are a God-send to all sufferers.

I am, Yours obediently,
(Signed) WILLIAM HENDERSON.

INFLUENZA & COLDS GO

15, Cathcart Street, Rutherglen.

Dear Sirs,

It is with much pleasure I write to tell of the great benefit I derived from your tablets.

I was threatened with a bad influenza cold. After taking four of your tablets I felt great relief and the cold gradually left me, and I am all right again.

'ASPRO' I shall recommend to my friends.

(Signed) T. S. GLEN.

3D. 6D. 1/3 2/6 PER PACKET

TRY 'ASPRO' TO-DAY FOR

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